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Heart surprises Y Bont with a £57,000 cheque



Jagger and Woody present the big-Hearted cheque to Y Bont.

HEART South Wales Breakfast presenters Jagger and Woody surprised staff and service users of Bridgend children's charity Y Bont when they presented a cheque for £57,000 raised by Global's Make Some

(GMSN) appeal.

Jagger and Woody were due to present Y Bont with a cheque for £16,000 but thanks to the generosity of Heart South Wales listeners and the success of the GMSN 2016 appeal, Y Bont received an extra £41,000 - taking their grant to a total of £57,000.

Y Bont provides support and care for

disabled children and their families.

Margred 'Mags' Griffiths, chief executive at Y Bont said: "We're overwhelmed by the generosity of Heart and its listeners.

"We knew we were getting a grant for £16,000 from GMSN and they surprised us with an extra £41,000 taking the total to £57,000 and completely surpassing our

expectations.

"We want to thank Heart and its listeners for their support."

The money raised by Heart South Wales listeners and GMSN will fully fund the cost of two nursery nurse positions, whilst securing the immediate future of the charity's current services and the life-changing benefits it delivers.

Global, the media and entertainment group, created GMSN in 2014.

Grants are awarded to projects across the UK that help disadvantaged youngsters living with illness, disability or lack of opportunity.

In its first three years, GMSN has raised nearly £6 million and raised awareness for 135 charities and projects around the UK.

Gareth Setter, Heart South Wales' managing editor, said: "We believe that young people from all walks of life deserve the same opportunities and Y Bont does a great job of helping people in Wales."

"We know how difficult it can be for small charities to be heard and we're in the privileged position of being able to help with that."

Bright future for shopping centre in town say new owners

ASHFIELD Land has bought the Bridgend Shopping Centre for £5 million.

The centre includes 15 retail units, the majority of which front onto Brackla Street in the heart of the town.

The shopping centre is currently let to a mix of established national brands, and tenants include Peacocks, Iceland, Greggs and Poundland.

Nick Scott, director at Ashfield Land, said: "Bridgend Shopping Centre adds another strong-potential and well-configured retail asset into our expanding portfolio.

"Bridgend will see

substantial growth over the coming years and this shopping centre is ideally placed to serve the value end of the market and benefit from that growth.

"This is another good asset for us to acquire where we can provide value-add initiatives to which our asset management skills are ideally suited."

Ashfield Land owns and invests in commercial property across the UK and has a strong track record in asset management for retail property and business parks.

Ashfield bought the 90,000 sq ft shopping centre from Hawkstone Properties (Bridgend) Limited.

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Praise for local newspapers

ON behalf of Bridgend Lions Club, President OJ Paton would like to thank all concerned at The GEM for publicising the many presentations that have taken place since July last year.

More than £14,000 has been awarded to worthy causes in the borough and The GEM has shown its readers where this fundraising has been distributed.

Everyone agrees it is a real GEM of a newspaper which is read with pleasure – simply the best!

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Pencoed care home residents enjoy 'Generation Games'



PENCOED Primary School has recently joined forces with HC-One Glangfrwd Care Home in Pencoed to create the 'Generation Games.'

Children from the school have been visiting the home on a weekly basis to pair up with residents and enjoy different activities together.

So far, joint activities have included making Easter hats and playing parachute games. On the last visit, a reading dog named Tesian joined them, when children read their favourite stories to residents and Tesian.

"Later, residents and the children decorated pictures of Tesian and finished the session with bubble blowing, which resulted in lots of laughter," said a spokesperson.

Joan Thomas, manager at HC-One Glangfrwd Care Home, commented: "Having the children come into the home and mixing with the residents is

like a breath of fresh air.

"Not only is it lovely to see, but their innocence and genuine enjoyment in spending time with the residents shines through.

"The residents are thoroughly enjoying the experience and there is always a full room of eager participants who are fuelled by the laughter and excitement."

The children from Pencoed Primary will continue to visit the home for a few more weeks and Glangfrwd Care Home is more than happy to welcome them.

HC-One regional managing director, Liz Whyte, commented: "In all of our HC One Homes, we are keen for residents to meet and interact with members of the community so to hear about this project with a local primary school is lovely, and I'm very grateful to the staff at both Glangfrwd and Pencoed School for arranging these visits."

Local students shortlisted for VQ Awards

TWELVE finalists from across Wales have been shortlisted for this year's Vocational Qualification (VQ) Awards, which celebrate those who use technical, practical and vocational qualifications to achieve success.

The finalists will be competing for awards in four categories at St David's Hotel, Cardiff on June 6.

The VQ awards are organised by the Welsh Government, National Training Federation for Wales (NTFW), ColegauCymru/Colleges Wales and Qualifications Wales.

The Apprenticeship Programme in Wales is funded by the Welsh Government with support from the European Social Fund.

A spokesperson said: "The VQ Learner Awards recognise learners who demonstrate progression and excellence in vocational studies and have made considerable achievements in their field."

The finalists are: The VQ Intermediate Learner of the Year:

Alys Evans, of Gilfach Goch, nominated by Coleg y Cymoedd, Ystrad Mynach; Jason Hyam, of Cardiff, from Arthur J Gallagher, Llantrisant who was nominated by Acorn Learning Solutions and Maria Brooks, of Porthcawl, from Ford Motor Company, Bridgend who was nominated by Bridgend

College. This award is for students with qualifications up to level three.

VQ Higher Learner of the Year: Christine Thomas from Newport City Council's waste management department who was nominated by Safe and Secure Training; Julie Mundy from Seraen Cyf, Blaenau Ffestiniog who was nominated by Cambrian Training Company and Mitchell Rees from Bridgend College who was nominated by Bridgend College. This award is for qualifications from level four upwards.

Minister for Skills and Science, Julie James congratulated all the shortlisted finalists and thanked everyone who had entered this year's awards.

She said: "A VQ Award is a symbol of dedication towards your chosen profession. The awards help us to celebrate those Welsh employers, learners and trainers who are already going that extra mile when it comes to developing vocational skills and qualifications.

"Vocational qualifications have never been more important to the economy and the individual, as they deliver the trained, talented employees that businesses are crying out for and ensure individuals have the skills needed to succeed in education and work."

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'Memory café' makes a difference to dementia sufferers



Louise Barham (left) and Suzy Davies AM (right).

THE Shadow Welsh Minister for Social Services recently paid a visit to a new 'dementia café' in Pyle.

Regional AM Suzy Davies was welcomed by Louise Barham, who set up the Memory Lane café at Pyle Life Centre supported by her husband Phil and daughter Tracy.

Louise, who is a member of both St Theodore's Church in Kenfig Hill and of the Mothers' Union, said that she realised that there was a need in the area for somewhere for dementia sufferers and their carers to go after she undertook some dementia awareness training and then became a 'dementia champion'.

Louise said: "My father suffered with dementia so I saw how it affected him. Our church was also very keen on highlighting the needs of dementia sufferers and their families so I decided to see if I could get something going locally."

The café has been given the use of a room at the Life Centre and here, tea, coffee and biscuits are served every Friday morning from 9.30am for two hours. Louise has had no funding, but says she and Phil are happy to meet the cost of the

refreshments. The room is given free of charge.

Ms Davies was able to meet some of those attending and their carers. At the session, many of them worked with craft materials supervised by Tracy.

Ms Davies, a Welsh Conservative AM, said: "This is a wonderful example of how somebody can make a difference in their own community. After seeing the need for something for people with dementia, their carers and former carers, Louise got on with organising the cafe, publicising it and taking responsibility for the type of support and activity it provides.

Jason Howells, who manages the integrated social care hub at the centre is a champion of this 'co-productive' approach and library staff are also very supportive and help

select books every week that they people will enjoy.

"Dementia is a cruel illness because it robs people of the memories they share with the people who matter to them. This is a great initiative which gives people something to look forward to and gets them out of the house and mixing with others. Well done Louise, Phil and Tracy."

The café, which has been operating since February, attracts four or five dementia sufferers who all come with their carers.

Louise added: "I want to thank Carly Beynon of Age Connect who has supported us. I hope that more people will come as they hear about it. All are welcome."

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL MAY 25)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
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18 Thur	11.47	7.9		
19 Fri	00.21	7.8	12.54	7.7
20 Sat	01.33	7.8	14.11	7.8
21 Sun	02.48	8.0	15.22	8.2
22 Mon	03.56	8.4	16.28	8.6
23 Tues	04.55	9.1	17.22	9.2
24 Wed	05.48	9.6	18.15	9.8
25 Thur	06.37	10.1	19.04	10.2

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild news

PORTHCAWL Townswomen's Guild is a friendly organisation, and I have been a member for nearly 30 years and have made many friends.

The monthly luncheon was at the Jolly Sailor at Newton – a special day for me as it was my birthday, and what better way to celebrate than a good meal with friends.

At this month's meeting, members were asked how they would vote on the mandate

on fracking at the national AGM in Sheffield to give Diana Richardson, our delegate, some guidance. There will also be a debate on the possibility of the abolition of the law regarding changing the clocks each year.

President Joyce Webb presented chairman Diana with her 25-year membership badge and certificate. Diana has been treasurer for many years and is now chairman for a second time. She followed her mother Glennis James into the

Guild.

We welcomed back Debra John as our speaker. Debra kept everyone fascinated and amused with her tales of Welsh myths and she is already booked for next year.

The next meeting is on June 14 at 2pm in All Saints Church Hall, when Reverend Clive Williams will present 'A Musical Entertainment'.

Do come along.

DOROTHY THOMAS

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SS *Samtampa* commemoration and exhibition held at the Senedd



CARWYN JONES
AM sponsored a *Samtampa* and *Edward Prince of Wales* exhibition at the Senedd, organised by the Porthcawl Shout Forum as the finale to its two-week exhibition and the 70th anniversary of the disaster.

It involved 191 guests, including 131 schoolchildren from Oystermouth Primary Mumbles, Whitestone Primary Mumbles, Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Mumbles, Normanby Primary Middlesbrough and Nottage Primary

Porthcawl, which had 62 children attend.

They all performed the story in a variety of ways before Bridgend Performing Arts students portrayed, through the medium of drama, the effect the disaster had on various characters.

Mr Jones and Rebecca Evans (AM for Gower) gave speeches and John Jones from Nantymoel told of his boyhood memories.

After an interval, there were stories written and read by members of Porthcawl U3A. BCBC Mayor Coun Reg Jenkins and Porthcawl Mayor Rob Lee gave a joint 'reflection'.

The event ended with Jean Humphreys and Gary Victor reading

Peace.

The exhibition has

moved to the Waterfront Museum Swansea.

There were many

stories on the day, but

one sums them all up.

Twelve seamen who could not be taken home are buried in Porthcawl cemetery, six from Middlesbrough and five from nearby Whitby and Stockton-on-Tees.

It was the mother of 19-year-old Stanley Daritise that wrote to the Porthcawl Guardian newspaper, thanking everyone for their great kindness. His father helped unveil the memorial grave on April 23, 1949.

Emma Armstrong, Normanby Primary schoolteacher, had been so moved by her visit to the Samtampa grave when in Porthcawl for the RNLI church service the week before, that she decided to travel from Cardiff to Porthcawl to show it to her 10 schoolchildren in the morning before the Senedd event.

Bridgend Borough Mayor Coun Reg Jenkins and his wife met them at the cemetery.

GARY VICTOR



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Lions donate to PoW Hospital



OJ Paton (wearing chain) hands the cheque to Dr Martyn Richards.

BRIDGEND Lions' President OJ Paton presented a cheque for £500 to cardiologist Dr Martyn Richards of the Cardio/Respiratory Department at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend on May 12.

The money will be used to purchase a television and privacy screen for the benefit of patients who attend Dr Richards' clinic.

C THOMAS

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Record amount raised for Mayor's charities

Report and photographs
by KEITH E MORGAN.

AT the presentation of cheques held at the Hi Tide, Porthcawl on Sunday, May 9, the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Robert Lee was "overjoyed" to announce that his hard working committee had raised the record-breaking amount of £13,585 for his chosen charities this year.

The organising committee was led by chairman Mary Emmett-Lewis, with supporting members Tracy Hill, Jill Sweet, Erica Beynon and Chris Smart.

Mr Smart acknowledged the tremendous effort that had been put in throughout the year by the Mayor, his lady Mayoress and all the organising committee members in raising this fantastic sum of money for the Mayor's charities.

Altogether, the following 16 charities received cheques from the Mayor. The four main charities were PAWS (Porthcawl Animal Welfare Society); Porthcawl Museum; KRUU (Kidney Research Unit for Wales Foundation), and Tŷ Hafan.

Other charities that received cheques were the Sandville Self Help Centre at Tŷn Kenfig; Girl Guides (Nottage); Trinity Care Allotments; Eisteddfod y Urdd; Ty Ellis; Newton Institute; Stroke Club; Crossroads; Sea Cadets; St John Ambulance; 1st Nottage Scout Group and PAODS (Porthcawl Amateur Operatic Society).

Guests were entertained during the evening by Col Canto, led by Erica Beynon.

KEM



ABOVE: Col Canto performed at the presentation ceremony.
BELOW: the Mayor and Mayoress with a cheque for £13,585 raised for charities.



A cheque for the Sandville Centre.



Tory candidate for Bridgend launches her campaign

KAREN Robson, who is fighting to take the Bridgend seat for the Conservatives at the General Election in June, has launched her campaign.

The candidate, a former Welsh Woman of the Year, set herself on the election trail at an event held in Porthcawl attended by local members and the party's Monmouth candidate and former MP David Davies.

Ms Robson, who was a 'leave' voter during last year's referendum, said that if elected she would work hard to support Theresa May in obtaining a good deal for trade and jobs in the Brexit negotiations.

She said: "It is crucial that we have a strong team to lead us into these important talks and I urge the people of Bridgend to support Theresa May as



Karen Robson.

our prime minister at this pivotal moment in our country's history.

"This is not the time for any of Labour's shilly-shallying about the outcome of the referendum or for backsliding. Labour's Madeleine Moon voted against triggering Article 50 in Parliament despite it being the clear wish of the people of Bridgend that we should leave the EU.

"Voters need to send a strong message to Brussels that Theresa May has overwhelming support throughout the country to deliver a good deal for the country."

Ms Robson has worked for 20 years with disabled students in South Wales ensuring that they get the education they deserve. She comes from a military family and maintains strong links to veterans and the charities that support them.

JJ

Urdd message calls for votes for 16 year olds

THE Urdd's annual peace and goodwill message, which will be sent out to young people across the world on the May 18, calls for equality for young people and for their voices to be heard.

For the first time, the message is written by Bwrdd Syr Ifan C, the Urdd's national forum for 16 to 25-year-old members.

The message calls for equality for young people across the world, and for their voices to be heard. "We ask others to speak with us, before speaking on our behalf".

It also calls for young people over 16 years old to have the right to vote.

The message will be a short video this year rather than a verbal performance as in the past, making it easier to share on social media.

It will be translated into 17 languages, including Russian, Macedonian, Swahili and Arabic.

The video was shown for the first time at an event in the Senedd, sponsored by Assembly President, Elin Jones, on May 17. It will also be shown

on May 31 during the Urdd Eisteddfod in Pencoed.

A spokesperson said: "Young people from across the world are encouraged to send their reaction to the message, which will be displayed on the Urdd website - urdd.cymru".

Sent for the first time in 1922 by the Reverend Gwilym Davies from the Rhymney Valley, the annual message of peace and goodwill aims to "motivate and inspire humanitarian action".

Urdd chief executive Sioned Hughes said: "The annual message of peace and goodwill is one of the Urdd's most valuable traditions, and sees the young people of Wales reach out to young people across the world with a message of hope and friendship.

"The message is very relevant this year, with the Assembly Commission having recently launched their consultation on establishing a youth parliament for Wales, and the general election looming.

"It shows how strongly our young people feel about the contribution they have to make."

Spring 'selfie-point' at McArthur Glen outlet



SPRING is in full bloom at McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Bridgend, which has unveiled a floral inspired art installation.

On display until June, the selfie point is already attracting visitors to the retail hotspot for outdoor shopping and all day dining in the sun.

Bridgend Bridge Club

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, May 10: First, Tony Disney and John Evans; second, Mike Best and David Bird; equal third, Liam Sheridan and John Beard and Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner.

The winners on handicap were Tony Disney and John Evans.

Thursday, May 11: First, Richard and Maggie Ashpole; second, Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks; third, John Henson and Chris Rawlings.

The winners on handicap were Maggie and Richard Ashpole.

Friday, May 12: First, John Evans and Steve Burgoine; equal second, Ann Fox and Maggie Ashpole; and Vida Halford and Glyn Williams.

The winners on handicap were Ann Fox and Maggie Ashpole.

Regular club nights take place on

Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton church hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start if players arrive at least ten minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton church hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner and visitors and new members are always welcome.

There will be a new series of lessons for beginners on

Wednesdays from 4pm until 6pm starting in September, again in Nolton church hall.

For further information about the lessons and any other club activities contact Steve Burgoine on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

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Would you like to join Pyle & Porthcawl Photographic Society?

WE'VE been treated to some excellent presentations lately from Lucy Purrington with her 'Surreal Works' and Steve Littlewood with 'Achieving the best quality in digital processing'.

We also had an excellent practical studio evening where we practiced our portraiture skills on two young models, Caitlyn and Bobby.

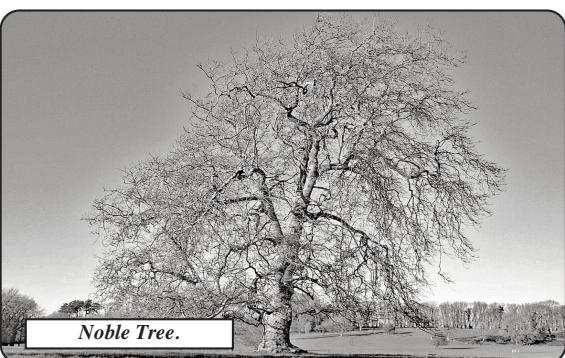
If you like photography and want to improve your skills then you're

welcome to come join our club, it's all very informal and friendly, we have both male and female members from all ability levels.

Our programme is available at www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk.

We welcome new members of all ages and skill levels, so if you have an interest in photography, join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm at St Clare's School, Newton.

GEOFF BAKER
Pyle & Porthcawl Photographic Society



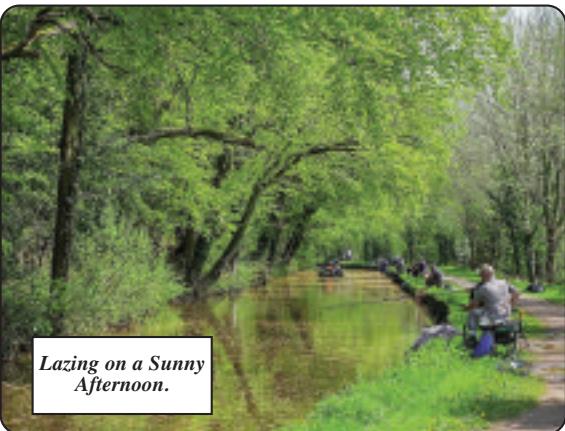
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Beat the Wave.



Beach Boys.



Lazing on a Sunny Afternoon.

Sker WI holds AGM

ON May 11 president Nora Williams welcomed 31 members plus Women's Institute advisor Judith Lucas, to this pivotal date in the diary for Sker WI.

As well as the routine business of the monthly meeting, it was once again time to hold the Annual Meeting (AM).

Along with the required statutory requirements involved with holding an AM, we also had the opportunity to look back on an eventful year, filled with memorable moments.

Some, like Sker WI's golden anniversary, and the 2017 Link meeting with its 'Music Hall' theme, were enjoyable and fun. The celebrations, however, were tinged with sadness due to the loss of two much-loved members of the WI who will be greatly missed.

Good wishes were also sent to Beryl Hughes, who has retired from Sker WI after many years. Beryl was Sker's first treasurer some 50 years ago and has been a valued member ever since.

This year's AGM was the usual mix of the fun and formality. A 1960s' theme had been chosen and many members arrived in various tributes to the era's fashion. From Mary Quant mini-skirts to flower power bells and beads, there was an example to be found somewhere in the hall.

The serious business was always there, however, and members were asked to consider two resolutions to be put forward for debate at the

National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) in June.

The first of these resolutions was 'Alleviating Loneliness' and was suggesting that WI nationwide can be instrumental in tackling loneliness at local and national levels by working in partnership with other agencies such as health and social care services.

The other resolution to be considered was 'Plastic Soup - Keeping Micro-plastic Fibres Out of Our Oceans'. It was proposed that WI can help to raise awareness of this issue and lobby Government and manufacturers in order to minimise the damage currently being caused to our environment by 'plastic soup'.

Although it was agreed that both of these issues are incredibly important and deserve support, Sker WI decided to recommend 'Alleviating Loneliness' to be discussed at conference.

The other important task of the night was to ensure that an effective and motivated committee is still in place to take Sker WI on into 2017/18. As well as the committee, there had to be a president in post.

Sker WI is very fortunate that Nora Williams has agreed to continue as president for another year.

One change to the committee was announced when longstanding and hard working treasurer, Margaret Owen announced her retirement from the post after eight years as treasurer.

Fortunately Muriel Stubbs has stepped

Tea, biscuits and company for the over-50s

IT was a full house in the Cefn Glas Over 50s group in the Westward Community centre on May 12 to hear Angela Todd and Dai Hamer from BCBC talk about the new recycling scheme.

There were lively

debates but all would agree that it was a great session.

Cefn Glas Over 50s meet every week on Fridays at 2pm in Westward Community Centre. There are a variety of activities and speakers planned so why not give it a try and enjoy tea, biscuits and some really good company.

GEOFF CHEETHAM

CHRISTINE BEYNON

Sker WI meets at 7pm on the second Thursday of the month at St David's Church Hall, Nottage Village. Visitors are always welcome and we would love to meet you, so come along and say hello!



The sponsors of the awards.

Search is on for the best businesses in Bridgend

THE Bridgend Business Forum Awards 2017 have been launched and the search on to find the best businesses in Bridgend County Borough.

Local businesspeople, and the awards' sponsors, met recently at the Coed Y Mwstwr Hotel in Coyauchur to launch the awards. The competition is organised by Bridgend Business Forum, supported by Bridgend County Borough Council, and sponsored by Bridgend College.

Businesses in the county borough have until July 6 to apply, and can enter the following eight categories: Business student of the year – (sponsored by) Rockwool; Start-up business of the year – ISA Training; Service business of the year – Berry Smith Lawyers; Manufacturing business of the year – EEF, the manufacturer's organisation; Entrepreneur of the year – SME Finance Partners; Bridgend 'Tourism Business of the Year' – Handelsbanken; Creative industries award – ION Leadership; Innovative business of the year – Harris Bassett.

Sponsored by Bridgend College, the main award for 'Bridgend Business of the Year' will be chosen from the winner of each category, and all winners will be announced at the Bridgend Business Forum Awards to be held at the same hotel on September

29.

Ian Jessopp, Chair of the Bridgend Business Forum, said: "Now in its fifth year, the ethos of the awards is to continue to showcase excellence in business on a local level.

"We strongly encourage organisations of any size and stature to enter these awards, especially if you are proud of your achievements, and those of your staff. Take this opportunity to showcase your business and celebrate your success. Business owners, managers and staff work hard to keep ahead of the competition and ultimately should be recognised and applauded for their hard efforts.

"Entering your business for an award can have a positive impact; over the past four years, businesses have attributed new customers and an increase in sales as a result of winning an award.

"This year, we are especially delighted to welcome back Bridgend College as the main sponsor of the awards."

Details of the awards, including application forms and how to submit an entry, are available on the website www.bridgendbusinessforum.co.uk. You can also keep up-to-date with the awards by following the forum on Twitter @BridgendForum and on the Facebook page BridgendBusinessForum.

Bank staff help redecorate swimming pool changing rooms



LLOYDS Bank staff have redecorated the changing rooms at Halo Leisure's swimming pool in Pencoed as part of the banking group's volunteer programme.

Motor Platform IT colleagues in Pencoed recently spent a day helping to freshen up changing rooms at the pool during 'Give and Gain Week'.

Julie O'Connor, SME specialist, said: "We are thrilled to be able to use our volunteering day to support local people and help our community thrive."

"Thanks to the team, we have cheered up the changing rooms."

JULIE O'CONNOR



Wales is 'potentially the best walking country in the world'



The 'best walking country in the world'? The Ogmore AM believes it has potential to be so, although nature has its part to play. Photo by Joanna12

WALES has the potential to be the best walking country in the world' said Huw Irranca-Davies.

The Ogmore AM, a vice-president of Ramblers Cymru, says the organisation's volunteers have done incredible work in

working with landowners and local authorities to maintain existing rights of way and to create new walking routes.

He said a recent ramble he attended in mid-Wales had demonstrated the benefits to tourism and the local economy of being a walker-friendly town and county.

Mr Irranca-Davies said at the National Assembly that by joining up communities, connecting people to their local landscapes, unveiling new places to discover and continuing to maintain the country's world-class network of paths, Wales could be the best walking country in the world for generations to come.

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In second place was Chris Equeall.

THE FISH turned up big style for the first Llantwit Major Charity Fishing Open of 2017. Despite a poor weather forecast 92 people fished the event.

A total of £1,256 was raised for Jade's Wish To Walk and Jade Owen of Bridgend. This has helped Jade to buy a special walker she needs to increase the strength in her legs before her next major operation.

Organisers Sally Owen, Mark Cowell and Jade herself would like to thank all the sponsors and anglers who took part in the

event.

First was Bridgend shop assistant Andrew Withey with an impressive 11.8kg, consisting of 21 dog fish - who won £250 donated by Mark and Kelly of Q-fished Llandow.

A close second was Cardiff angler Chris Equeall with 11.58 kg, consisting of 23 dog fish; he won £100 donated by Maria Hughes, who owns the beach cafe at Llantwit Major - Maria has

supported the event for the past five years.

Third was Swansea-based Shaun Tucker with 9.88 kg consisting of 17 dog fish. He won £75, donated by Mike Clemett of Squirrel Wales Llandow.

Fourth was Phil George from Cardiff with 9.12 kg consisting of 17 dog fish, he won £50 donated by Ben Price of BDP Heating in Liverpool.

Fifth was the current Garry Evans Seamester champion Andrew

Hutchings with 8.29 kg consisting of 15 dog fish. Andrew won £30 donated by Richard Potts owner of Treforest Tiling. Andrew generously donated his prize back to the charity fund.

The second Llantwit Major Charity Open is to be held on Sunday, August 20 and charities will be announced shortly. If anyone would like to help, sponsor or donate a prize please contact Mark Cowell on 07721 791210.

May Fair at St Theodore's Kenfig Hill
COME rain or shine a May Fair will take place on Saturday, May 20 in St Theodore's Church and grounds.

Beginning at 11am come hear the accordion band; there will be face painting for the children, refreshments, a cake stall, tombola, games, books and bric a brac.

Entry £1 for adults but children go free!

St Theodore's Church is on High Street, Kenfig Hill and the number 63 bus stops right outside.

NEW homes are not the only benefits David Wilson Homes' new St James' Gardens development is bringing to Wick, said a spokesperson for the company.

The spokesperson continued: "We are creating more than just bricks and mortar in the local community, thanks to a host of additional contributions."

Sales director Richard Lawson added: "We feel it's important to become part of the communities we help to create, so we make it our business to bring further advantages to the area," said Mr Lawson. "Once complete we will have

planted more than 5,500 trees, plants and shrubs at the site - as well as constructing an equipped play area and two further local play areas. We're creating 6,100m² of public open space here and made a contribution of £81,000 towards local public art."

According to the Home Builders Federation (HBF), the arrival of St James' Gardens has created 533 jobs.

"David Wilson Homes has contributed almost £1.3m to the local council towards local education facilities and £248,000 for sustainable transport in the area," said Mr Lawson. "Once complete we will have

community facilities. "We hope those living in and around Wick will enjoy all that St James' Gardens has brought to the area, and are delighted by the results of our talented team's efforts here."

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Properties to 'give back to the community'

AGA COOKERS EXCLUSIVELY AT TOPSTAK OF COWBRIDGE

TOPSTAK of Cowbridge has been appointed the exclusive outlet for AGA cookers in south Wales following the closure of the AGA shop in Cardiff.

This adds another leading brand for Topstak that is already the exclusive outlet for Everhot and Esse cooker as well as Neptune kitchens and interiors. These can be seen under one roof in their Cowbridge showroom, which also shows exclusive wood flooring from Ted Todd and stone flooring from Ca Pietra.

Working displays of the new electric AGA cookers are shown in the Neptune kitchen displays at the Topstak Cowbridge showroom. An AGA is even used for baking cakes in their Café, where the extensive range of AGA cookware is displayed and sold.

Existing and new AGA customers will be pleased to know there is easy access and plenty of parking at Topstak and their trained staff will be happy to deal with any AGA enquires.

AGA cookers are at the heart of homes and kitchens across the country, providing warmth and delicious food by taking advantage of the "always ready to cook feature" and radiant heat ovens that are hallmarks of AGA – renowned for cooking great food.

Building on the great success of their traditional oil and gas fired models, AGA have produced a new range of electric cookers designed for modern living that still have the same look and British build quality, but feature the choice of added controllability and energy saving.

The AGA Total Control and Dual Control electric ranges



shown at Topstak feature various options for controlling the hotplates and also the radiant heat ovens that ensure great cooking.

Also on display is the 60 cm wide AGA 60 that is designed for small kitchens and features a controllable hotplate below the lift up lid.

AGA range cookers now come in choice of 12 colours including pistachio, claret, aubergine and duck egg blue, so there should be a colour to suit almost any style of modern or traditional décor.

Christian Brookfield, Topstak kitchen and cooker manager said: "We are delighted to be appointed the exclusive South Wales outlet for the prestigious Aga cookers. They are an ideal match for our Neptune kitchens and compliment the immensely popular Everhot and Esse cookers. We are now a one-stop-shop for electric range cookers and kitchens."

"Our friendly no-obligation service for designing kitchen layouts to suit almost any traditional or modern styles together with an installation

service is very in high demand" says Christian.

For further information, please look up Topstak on www.topstak.co.uk, visit the showroom or telephone 01446 771567.

Council trials new scheme to foster 'child and parent'

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has launched a new fostering scheme which aims to help vulnerable parents and their children stay together as a family'.

A spokesperson claimed that it helps parents improve their confidence in caring for a child independently, and assists them to build supportive networks in their local community.

The spokesperson continued: "The 'parent and child' scheme will provide a lifeline for many vulnerable parents, who along with their child, will be placed together in a foster carer's home for up to 12 weeks.

The 'live-in scheme' will see the foster carers support parents to develop parenting skills in a natural and nurturing family environment –

providing consistent support and guidance throughout the placement."

Sue Cooper, the council's corporate director for social services and wellbeing, said: "With many parents needing this extra support to care for their child, we are calling on residents to think about becoming a 'parent and child' foster carer.

"This scheme is for parents, who really want to learn to be a good parent, but they may just need extra care and guidance in order to have the right parenting skills to look after their children.

"Being a parent does not come naturally to everyone. Like everything else in life, it must be learned.

"If someone has not come from a particularly stable and secure home, then the example of parenting they've been set, which they consider the norm, may not be appropriate or good for a child.

"The parent and

child scheme will give parents 12 weeks of intensive support where they will see how things should be done – hopefully changing their behaviour and breaking the cycle.

Ms Cooper added: "Social workers only get to see snapshots of family life based on visits to a home. This new type of care enables a third party to see how the family live, interact and cope every day.

"The council is searching for people who have the skills to work with parents and children and who can provide a safe and appropriate home to host a family. No previous foster care experience is needed."

The spokesperson said: "Foster carers will receive extensive training and support so they are able to help vulnerable parents develop the vital parenting skills and strong bonds with their child, plus they will work closely with social care professionals to provide the holistic support these parents need to thrive."

The council has launched the scheme, said the spokesperson, "...in response to a rise in the number of referrals for social care support and the benefits associated with the parent and child being placed in a safe family environment."

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Police partnership raises awareness of Drone Code



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THE reckless or negligent actions of drone users are the focus of a joint campaign between South Wales Police, The Airport Policing Group and Cardiff Airport, it has been reported.

PC Mark Goulding, from the Vale of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT), joined Sgt Richie Hier of the Airport Policing Group at the airport in Rhoose last week to highlight the dangers of drones and laser pens, and to educate on the offences those using them could be committing.

A static display of various technology was on show to those passing through the airport, alongside literature advertising The Drone Code, which was created by the Civil Aviation Authority to encourage responsible use of such technology.

The code reminds users of their legal obligation to fly below 400ft, at least 150ft from people and property and – crucially – never near aircraft.

The awareness-raising week was held ahead of the summer, the busiest time of the year for the airport.

This year, it will also see the added demands of the Champions League final, during which time the airport will see a significant increase in inbound and outbound flights.

Sgt Hier said: "We developed the drone safety signs in partnership with Cardiff Wales Airport to provide a reporting solution for passengers and the local community.

"It is an offence to endanger a crewed aircraft whether through the misuse of drones or laser pens and we will take action against any individual who does."

PC Goulding added: "The stand at the airport had a really positive response, and a number of passengers stopped to take an interest not only in the technology, but also in the law surrounding its use.

Drones and laser pens are a relatively new phenomenon, and it is only the actions of an irresponsible minority that is giving the technology a negative image.

"Ensuring people are educated in how to use them safely and within the perimeters of the law is key."

Local pupils shortlisted in Christmas stamp competition

THREE children from schools in the area have been named as regional winners in Wales in Royal Mails' children's Christmas Stamp Design Competition.

Their entries will now go through to the next stage of the competition where local judges will select the top two designs from the Wales region to go through to the final.

The children are: Darryn Champion, Newton Primary School, Porthcawl; Ava-May Bissett, Brynmawr Primary School, Pontyclun; and Millie Cracknell, also of Brynmawr Primary School.

Royal Mail received over 200,000 entries from children aged four-11 years-old across the UK in response to the question: 'What does the Christmas season mean to you?'

Both winning designs will have to be approved by Her Majesty The Queen. Only three times in

Royal Mail's 500-year history have children's designs been used on Christmas stamps; 1966, the year the first Christmas stamps were issued in the UK, 1981 and 2013.

There will be two winning pictures – one to appear on a 1st class stamp, the other on a 2nd class stamp. The two winners will be announced in the summer and the stamps will go on sale on November 7, 2017.

Full details can be found at www.royalmail.com/stampcompetition.

Tipper loves to socialise!



DOG of the week is Tipper, a 11-year-old Welsh terrier-Jack Russell cross.

He may be an old boy, but he has plenty of energy and enjoys his walks. He loves to socialise with dogs his own size – especially the girls – but he will need some help with his recall off lead.

Tipper can live with other dogs, but it has to be the right dog. His ideal home would be quiet and with children over 14, and he likes his home comforts.

If you can offer a retirement home to this adorable old dog, call Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656 725219 or visit the website.

NEW FUNDRAISER AT AMELIA TRUST

AMELIA Trust Farm has welcomed Wendy McManus as its fundraising manager.

Based in the Vale, the charity provides therapeutic support to disadvantaged and vulnerable people and the farm is open to the public as a visitor attraction throughout the year.

Karen Turnbull, director of Amelia Trust Farm, said: "We believe that no one should be excluded from society and so in order to be able to deliver

our programme of support now and into the future, we recognised that more resource was needed in a dedicated fundraising role. We are very grateful to the Lloyds Bank Foundation for supporting this aim."

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There is also the option to add Velux windows to create more light. The new roof has been a welcome decision by Mr and Mrs Smith and just over a month after the UltraRoof380 was fitted they agree it has transformed their enjoyment of this newly revitalised room. Mrs Smith remarked,

"The difference is incredible with reduced rain noise, much better insulation and with the options of various inset lighting systems the room has completely changed for the better. Although still a conservatory in principle, the room feels more like another room and we have used it more over the last month than we have during the previous six months."

And about the recent service from Leekes, Mr and Mrs Smith said it was as they expected and had experienced throughout their window and conservatory purchase over 14 years ago.

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The hives, which have been in situ at the plant's quarry since 2015, have grown at an incredible rate and the company is now looking forward to raising money through honey sales, which will go back into the local community.

Last year, Tarmac raised more than £100, which was donated to help save Rhoose Library.

Tarmac is committed to enhancing and supporting the biodiversity of the environment local to its operations and the Aberthaw bee hives are carefully managed throughout the season by external beekeepers, who have worked to increase the number of hives over the past few years.

With each colony housing approximately 10,000 bees, the harvest is exceeding expectations each year.

Recently the site underwent an inspection from DEFRA and was awarded a clean bill of health, with the inspector impressed by the promising size of the hives so early in the season.

As pollinators, bees are vital to the world's food chain but, sadly, the insect is in danger of disappearing from our environment – which would mean one third of the food we eat disappearing too.

Aberthaw Cement Plant environmental coordinator, Kara Bennett, said: "We are delighted that the hives are looking so promising this year after a dry and mild winter. Our bees are looked after incredibly well and it's this that ensures we have a great harvest."

"We've had a lot of interest in our honey production and will be selling pots to colleagues when they're available. The money raised will then go back into local community projects like last year when we donated to help save Rhoose Library."

Luke Fraser, who is one of the beekeepers, said: "We are thrilled with the progress of the hives and are really looking forward to seeing what this year brings."

"We've been keeping a watchful eye over the hives and at the beginning of the year they were the size we'd expect during the summer which is great news."

"We are now looking forward to seeing the end result and how many jars of honey are produced."

AN orphaned Chihuahua pup has found her 'yappy' ever after, after being adopted by a devoted vet nurse at Dogs Trust Bridgend who hand-reared her from birth.

Vet Nurse Steph Hodgson doesn't usually make a habit of taking her work home with her – the last dog she rehomed from Dogs Trust was a 12-week-old Lurcher called Shelby, who is now 13 years old.

After raising Chilli, the orphaned Chihuahua pup from birth, she knew she was the one for her.

Chilli was one of a litter of four puppies who were hand-reared at the Pen-y-Fai rehoming centre from just a day old until they were ready for their forever homes at eight weeks of age.

Steph agreed to become the pups' temporary foster carer and cared for the litter at her home, working round the clock to ensure they had regular feeds and had everything they needed.

Steph said: "I see dogs of all shapes and sizes every single day and normally go for bigger dogs, so I never thought I'd end up with a tiny breed like Chilli. I fell in love with her sweet nature and cheeky character – she was special. She was



Steph Hodgson hand-reared the Chihuahua pup from one day old.

originally due to go Dogs Trust for 15 years, home to another family. She trained at a but when that didn't go ahead as planned, I just couldn't stop thinking about her going to a home other than mine.

Dogs Trust Bridgend rehome approximately 700 dogs a year of all shapes and sizes. If you'd like to adopt a dog, please visit the rehoming centre at Court Colman Farm, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG or call the team on 0300 303 0292; www.dogtrust.org.uk.

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Before doing so, residents must ensure that they are first registered to vote.

If you registered, or applied to register for the local elections, there will be no need to register to vote for the forthcoming General Election.

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Once you have registered to vote, you may wish to decide how you are going to cast that vote. There are three ways you can vote.

The first is in person - you will receive a poll card telling you which polling station to visit on June 8, and will cast your vote there.

Alternatively, you may wish to vote by post. To do so, you must have applied to register by May 22. Your application to vote by post must arrive no later than 5pm on May 23.

Finally, you can also vote by proxy. This means that you might choose someone to vote on your behalf. Again, you must have applied to register by May 22, and you must submit your application to arrive no later than 5pm on May 31.

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The GEM wraps up National Pet Month...



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CAVC launches course to help ALN learners

RIGHT: Additional Learning Needs co-ordinator James Donaldson, ALN Transition Team members Emily Morris and Helen Williams, and head of independent living skills, Tom Snelgrove.

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) has launched a brand new transition and review team for learners with Additional Learning Needs (ALN).

The team is the first of its kind in a mainstream Further Education (FE) college. The Welsh Government is legislating on ALN and a change in the law is due that will aim to improve outcomes for learners with additional learning needs.

Transition from school into college plus preparing

FLORAL SOCIETY

'FROM my Shed' is the title of a floral demonstration to be given to members of the Barry Floral Society by Arnaud Metairie of Painswick, Gloucester on Tuesday, May 23 at 2.15pm at St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry. New members welcome.

for adulthood are fundamental elements of the drive to ensure positive success for students with ALN.

Cardiff and Vale College has appointed Emily Morris and Helen Williams into new roles on the ALN Transition Team.

The team will help learners make the move into college by offering tours, attending annual reviews in schools, supporting teaching and learning using people centred approaches and carrying out statutory annual reviews.

CAVC additional learning needs co-ordinator James Donaldson said: "We have been working closely with schools, Careers Wales, young people and their parents or carers to create this service.

"We know that by investing in transition, learners will have a smoother journey both into and out of college.

"We will continue to work with the Welsh Government on the new legislation and have recently been working with other sector leads on a number of transition elements."



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With visual impairments common among those with dementia, Specsavers is ensuring a trip to the opticians and audiologists is as comfortable as possible for them.

In the run up to Dementia Awareness Week (15-21 May), Specsavers employees nationwide are becoming Dementia Friends, an initiative run by the Alzheimer's Society. Every store now has at least one team member who is a Dementia Friend and understands the needs of customers with dementia a little more. The Specsavers Healthcall teams that carry out home visits are also becoming Dementia Friends.

Specsavers is also using Dementia Awareness Week to remind anyone over 55 to undergo regular hearing tests, as research suggests that people with untreated hearing loss are more likely to develop Alzheimer's. Hearing tests are free at Specsavers.

Dr Nigel Best, Specsavers clinical spokesperson, says: 'People with

dementia may not be able to recognise or articulate the issues that many of us face when we begin to lose our sight or hearing - but the effects are the same. Being more aware of dementia is an incredibly positive development for our teams and our offering to customers.'

Those with dementia commonly experience problems with their sight and visual perception, causing them to misinterpret the world around them. Some sufferers can experience hallucinations. On top of that, research has revealed that almost half of dementia patients in care homes are wearing glasses with the wrong prescription, leading to increased isolation.

Laura Stallerbrass, store manager at Specsavers Forfar, has encouraged all her team to do Dementia Friends.

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Out & About with The GEM

Not-so-great Scott... Alien: Covenant is just an atrocious mess of a film!

WHILE unquestionably a superb director, Ridley Scott's recent output has been something of a mixed bag since 2007's *American Gangster*.

One of those 'mixed bags' was 2012's *Prometheus*, a return to the Alien franchise for Scott and one that proved to be wholly underwhelming.

Five years later, a sequel to *Prometheus* has arrived, jettisoning the vague title and going for the impactful *Alien: Covenant*, which sees the crew of a colony ship (amongst them Katherine Waterston, Danny McBride, Billy Crudup and Michael Fassbender, playing another android) heading to a new and remote planet.

However, when they intercept a garbled audio, they take a detour to another planet to investigate it, where they

soon realise that the planet isn't as uncharted as they thought.

It is home to the android David (Fassbender again) from *Prometheus*, and rather than building a life, the crew must avoid death as a familiar group of creatures stalks them...

Forget *Prometheus* – that was simply an amuse bouche.

Apparently, those yearning for a return to the blood, guts and visceral thrills of the Alien franchise were going to be well-served by *Alien: Covenant*, a promise made by the esteemed Ridley Scott, directing this follow-up to *Prometheus* – another step back into the world of the Alien franchise.

Barring some decent moments, *Prometheus* was something of a bore, a portentous film about supposed lofty subject matter that all too often threatened to disappear up its own bottom.

That Scott felt the need to address this criticism, and make the promise that those Alien

fans who felt disenfranchised would find far more to savour in *Alien: Covenant* showed he was at least aware of that film's shortcomings and how to address them.

It seems remarkable then that for such an experienced director, Scott has managed to make a film that, while slightly improving upon *Prometheus*, is one of the most inane, ridiculous and awful films of recent times, a hot mess that consists of one-third callback to *Alien* and two-thirds idiotic, forgettable characters making stupid decisions, and faux-philosophising dressed up as intelligence.

First off, the positives – Michael Fassbender's dual performances are enjoyable to watch, the actor inhabiting the two extremes of android behaviour with effortless ease, and he's by far the best thing here, the performance pitched perfectly.

The larger story (which, depending on your view regarding backstory either spoils or enriches the mythology of the xenomorphs) has its moments, even if one of the strongest elements from *Prometheus* is botched in a 10 second flashback.

But the negatives by far outweigh the positives. The characters are immensely forgettable, with scant characterisation; in a series renowned for strong characters, they are simply xenomorph fodder with token nods to 'depth' (struggling with pressures of leadership, dealing with death of loved ones, faith versus instinct).

Also, the characters are seemingly incapable

of making sensible decisions – much better to walk down that dark corridor alone, be tricked by an already-established-to-be-duplicious character or fly a spaceship into known-to-be-dangerous conditions than use your common sense.

It's not wholly the cast's fault, but Katherine Waterston, Billy Crudup et al just can't get a foothold in a film that is preoccupied with building an unnecessary mythology, rather than creating something that works both on its own terms and within the larger franchise.

What is most

surprising is that this is a Ridley Scott film; Scott has churned out the odd clunker (the thought of *The Counsellor* still sends shivers down the spine) but this is the director on seeming autopilot, so devoid of his usual smarts.

Of course it's visually grandiose, but it feels like Scott placed too much stock in trying to be deep and meaningful without noticing how ludicrous and stupefying the actual story is.

It doesn't help its cause that there are several callbacks to Scott's 1979 masterpiece, but they simply accentuate the lack of primal ferocity evidenced in this film.

Even when the plot tries to trick you, the reveals feel so telegraphed that there is no surprise at all (one towards the film's

climax is so painfully obvious that you're expecting it to not be a twist).

What is so disappointing is that this is an *Alien* film directed by Ridley Scott – let that sink in for the moment. Because however great that sounds on paper, the actuality is that *Alien: Covenant* is the sort of trashy, lackadaisical rubbish that would barely pass muster on the Syfy channel late on a Friday evening.

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Ridley Scott's butchery of the Alien franchise continues, and even the most die-hard fans of the franchise will be hard-pressed to find much satisfaction in this abysmal affair. Avoid at all costs.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Prometheus* (2012), *Life* (2017)



by GARETH JAMIESON

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BIG KEITH FROM THE OFFICE AT ISLAND EVENT

EWEN Macintosh, who played 'Big Keith' in the hit turn-of-the-century 'mockumentary' *The Office* will visit Barry Island on Friday June 23 to host a quiz about the BBC sitcom.

The event is being put on by Mack Events and director Ross Mackintosh said: "Matt, my fellow director, and I are huge fans of *The Office* so we are really looking forward to a special evening."

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Actor Ewen Macintosh, Big Keith in *The Office*, will star in a show on Barry Island on June 23.

Premiership football bought at Barry Island stars.

Tickets are £7 each and are available at years old; any under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or they can be an adult.

What's on and where?

Cake break

THE Multiple Sclerosis Society (Bridgend and District Branch) is holding a cake break on Saturday, May 20, at the Saint John's Ambulance Centre, Minerva Street, Bridgend, CF31 1TD from 10am until 2pm.

Admission is £1, which includes a cup of tea/ coffee and a biscuit. There will be a sale of homemade cakes and various stalls. All proceeds go to MS Society Bridgend and District.

Messy Church in Bonvilston

SUNDAY, May 21 at 2.30pm Messy Church takes place in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite the Village Shop) and thereafter each third Sunday in the month.

St Mary's Church and Zoar, Bonvilston warmly invite toddlers (with parents), youngsters and teenagers to this fun afternoon.

Games, crafty things, Bible stories, refreshments and plenty of parking. Further information from Rev Lee Duffield on 07784 869020 or Rev Martyn Davies on 01446 760498 or Ann Roach on 01446 781309.

Plant sale

LLANMAES Village Plant Sale takes place on Sunday, May 21 in the grounds of Llanmaes Village Hall from 11am to 3pm. There will be a good selection of bedding plants, shrubs, vegetables etc. Coffee, tea and cakes will also be served.

Donations of plants welcomed, which can be brought along on the day or contact Jackie on 07976 698325.

Festival of Learning

KPC are holding a series of drop in sessions on IT issues including how to create an email; how to save money online; how to set up an eBay account and an introduction to online learning – LearnMyWay.

The sessions take place at KPC Youth and Community, off Pyle Inn Way, Pyle, Bridgend, CF33 6AB and will run May 17, 24 and 31 from 2pm to 4pm; June 21 and 28 (2pm-4pm) and on June 13 and 20 (1pm-3pm).

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Gardening club

THE next meeting of Cowbridge Gardening Club takes place on Thursday, May 25 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge, when John Isaacs will be speaking on 'The development of Insole Court Gardens and Community Gardens'. New members welcome.

The History of Pencoed talk

A TALK on Pencoed's history, organised by Pencoed Town and District Twinning Association, will be presented by Doug John BEM on Friday, May 26 at The Lounge, Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Cost is £5 per person, which includes a buffet – please bring your own soft drinks, beer or wine. Contact Mark Steel on 01443 230282 email: marksteer150@gmail.com or Wendy McDonald on 01656 865633 email: eric.mcdonald12@btinternet.com. It is anticipated this will be a popular event, so book early!

Tracey Rhys

READING her poetry at Sustainable Wales' Green Room on Friday, May 26 at 8pm is Tracey Rhys.

Tracey is the author of the book *Teaching a Bird to Sing*, a collection of poems written in response to the author's young son's diagnosis of autism.

Some of the poems from *Teaching a Bird to Sing* featured in the stage show by Winterlight Theatre, *Touch Blue Touch Yellow*.

Tracey's reading will be followed by an open mic for other performers, to include Peter Morgan, playing *Suite for Children's Voices* and *Moog Theramin*. Everyone welcome, entry £4.

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'Pontoon opening day' at the centre.

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"There will be stalls at the event run by clubs to record interest in any activities at the new centre.

"Tir Y Mor Scout group will be providing refreshments and a barbecue.

"Weather permitting, the afternoon will include the Sea Cadets canoes and a kayak regatta, the Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association

rescue techniques afloat, and an opportunity for the public to take a trip on a lifeboat around the dock.

"The club will offer a sailing experience with buoyancy aids provided; wear suitable gear if you wish to go afloat."

A spokesperson said: "With the anticipated grants for the centre totalling £1.5m, this will be the chance for the general public to make their ideas and suggestions for the community centre."

"Everyone is invited to inspect the premises and discuss with the architects the plans being designed to see that they are suitable for all the activities the new centre hopes to accommodate.

"The trustees and committee members will

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD AT SCHOOL!

T H E reception class (Elm) of Oak Field Primary School are studying the topic of 'Food Glorious Food' this term.

The children have become

budding Master Chefs to create, through different media, plates of their favourite, delicious meals.

Fun has been had in the role play café and the children had the chance to sample delicious fare at John's Café on Barry Island when they were invited to have lunch on their school trip.

Bon appetit!

Last year's Beats, Eats and Treats proved to be a resounding success, with more than 5,000 visitors flocking to Barry Island.

BEATS, Eats and Treats is returning, and it's going to be bigger and better than before.

The Beats, Eats and Treats festival that attracted more than 5,000 people to Barry Island last summer is to return on June 24 and 25 this year.

The free event will feature cooking demonstrations from award-winning local chefs as well as a range of street food stalls, a farmers' market and a variety of entertainment for the whole family.

The programme is still being finalised, but the Vale Council will be announcing more information each week

starting from May 13.

A spokesperson for the council said: "Last year's Beats, Eats and Treats festival was a huge success and we've been working hard to make this year's even bigger and better.

"There will be more demonstrations, a wider range of stalls, and a new layout taking in the warden-winning promenade gardens that will allow even more people to take in the culinary delights on offer."

The festival will also feature stalls from the twin towns of Fécamp, Mouscron and Rheinfelden.

Go to www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/beats for more information.

DAY OF THE ORCHIDS AT DYFFRYN

The Orchid Study Group is holding an 'Orchid Day' at the National Trust's Dyffryn Gardens on Saturday, May 20 from 10am to 5pm.

A spokesperson said: "From exotic displays, to fascinating talks and the chance to meet botanical artists, there will be lots to satisfy even the most avid orchid specialist. In conjunction with 'Fascination of Plants Day', plant scientists from Cardiff University will also be joining the Orchid Day, providing fun for all the family with science experiments and competitions."

Dr Kevin Davies, botanist, orchidologist and chairman of the Orchid Study Group said: "Last year, we held our first Orchid Day at Dyffryn. This proved to be so successful and popular that it is returning again this month to share these remarkable plants with a wider audience."

A series of talks will be held:

11.30 to 12pm by Dino Zelenika: Wild Orchids in the Heart of the Balkans.

12.15pm to 12.45pm by Sara Ritterhausen of Burnham Nurseries: Basics of Orchid

Cultivation.

2pm to 2.30pm by teenage orchid grower Archie Smith: Bulbophyllum: The good and the smelly.

2.45pm to 3.15pm by Frances Quasada-Pallares: orchid repotting and mounting demonstration.

From 3.15 to 3.30pm there will be a question-and-answer session.

Dr Davies continued: "So whether you are new to orchids, or an experienced grower wanting to learn more, or simply just thinking about growing a couple on your windowsill, there will be something here for you."

Families can also join Cardiff University's plant scientists to extract DNA from strawberries, take part in their plant treasure hunt and get creative to 'Design a new Plant'. The best design will win a family day pass to Dyffryn Gardens. Normal admission prices will apply on entry for the day.

Find out about other upcoming events taking place at Dyffryn Gardens

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens and learn more about the

Orchid Study Group via its website www.orchidstudygroup.org.uk/.



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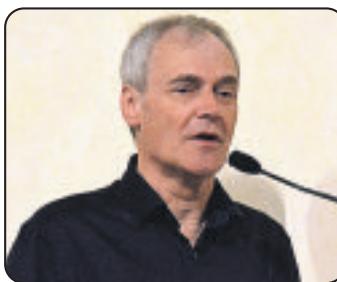
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Mediaeval melodies from local choir



PHOTOGRAPHS
by IAN DIXON



Caritas musical director Lindsay Gray.

THE Vale choir Caritas Consort performed to a packed house on May 6.

Set in Ewenny Priory, the choir's performance played homage to both modern and ancient music.

They were accompanied by the Newport Cathedral musician Emma Gibbins, who provided the choir with an array of organ pieces.

A spokesperson said: "The event was as

financially successful as it was enjoyable. By raising almost £1,300 in total, it was able to contribute to both the charitable Antony Nolan Trust and to fund a defibrillator for the Petersen Church Hall."

Caritas' next concert will take place on June 17, as part of the Lower Machen Festival.

The festival will also include performances from John Lili, Elin Manahan Thomas and the choral octet Voices 8.



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**Cowbridge
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Cowbridge festival is now a fixture in the Welsh foodie calendar

by PHILIP IRWIN

IT was back in 2004 that The Cowbridge Festival of Food and Drink took its first tentative steps – and anyone involved then would be thrilled to see how it has secured its place in the Welsh foodie calendar.

The festival has got there by a process of continuous adjustment and improvement, by recognising the most popular elements and adding more to the mix as it has developed.

Three years ago it transferred from October to May, to take advantage of the more settled weather. This year it takes place on the Whitsun May Bank Holiday weekend (May 28 and 29).

It has definitely helped that the layout of the town has meant that

it feels that all of Cowbridge gets involved.

Go to some festivals and you may find a tented village on the outskirts of the town, but the compact nature of Cowbridge means that visitors get the chance to have a look around.

All the elements of a successful food and drink festival are here – and more.

The main tent offers the usual fascinating mix of produce from suppliers that you don't often find on the high street.

Whether it is bread, pies, craft beers, Welsh wines and liqueurs, farm produce or something exotic to taste – it's all there.

However, once you leave the tented area, there is still a great deal to do. It seems that something is happening around every corner.

In recent years, the organisers have



ABOVE: The Hang Fire Southern Kitchen team.

recognised that the Old Hall Gardens are a great asset, and this year a fascinating feature there is the 'Forgotten Foods' project.

The project will take visitors on a journey back in time through the kitchens of the past to explore and remember the culinary traditions, heritage and history of Welsh food and drink.

To put on this element of the festival, the organisers secured a £9,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Polly Wilson, the festival manager, said: "We are thrilled to receive this grant to help support our Forgotten Foods project for this year's festival.

"We are really excited to give visitors an interactive and delicious insight into the history of Welsh food and drink.

"We hope that it will inspire this generation to help preserve our cultural history and identity by learning more about its delectable past; and this is just the start – 2018 is going to be even bigger and

better!"

Polly added that a surprise guest was expected on the Sunday.

She said: "One of Wales' funniest men will be trying out some newfound culinary skills at the festival this year. Visitors to the event on Sunday, May 28, may catch a glimpse of this different kind of celebrity chef – and even

get the chance to try some of his creations as part of the live cooking demonstrations taking place throughout the weekend, but for now, the details are still top-secret."

While browsing around the festival, it's worth keeping an eye out for a gorgeous vintage horse box (Tin Can Filly) serving chilled prosecco with or without hedgerow cordials from Tast Natur.

It must be the Master

Chef effect, but the

demand for food demos

has definitely grown,

and the festival has

taken this on board. As

well as the 'forgotten

Foods' project, demos

are scheduled in two

other sites.

The Food Demo Theatre
Arthur John Site, North Road

Sunday, May 28.

- 10am Alana Spencer, Ridiculously Rich.
- 11am Bar 44, Cowbridge.
- 12 noon David Meadows, Devon Fishcakes

• 1pm Wayne Thomas, Caban

• 2.30pm Nick Craddock, Vale Cider

• 3.30pm Llanerch Vineyard

Monday, May 29.

- 10am Goldie Sandhu, Samosa Co
- 11am Tom Watts-Jones Hare & Hounds Aberthi
- 12 noon John Savage, Teifi Cheese
- 1pm Mel Constantin, Baked by Mel

• 2pm Tomos a Lliford Brewery

• 3pm Richard Ballantyne, Master of Wine

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'SNOW PUPPY' SET TO BE THE STAR OF THE SHOW

WITH just two weeks to go until this year's much anticipated Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival, which takes place across the May Bank Holiday weekend (May 28-29), the organisers have announced a brand new star attraction in the shape of the show's very own 'snow puppy'.

Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival will be working with Ty Hafan to raise money to provide support for life-limited children, young people and families across Wales, by hosting a sculpture of a snow puppy – a white blank canvas poised and ready to be decorated – across the weekend of family foodie fun.

Young visitors will be invited to give it their stamp of approval to help decorate the sculpture while helping to raise funds for Ty Hafan.

For a minimum £1 donation, little ones will have the chance to pick one of three bright colours, in which to dip their fingers and make their very own mark on the patterned puppy.

Painted snow dogs from all over Wales will be exhibited in the streets of Cardiff and the Vale this autumn for 10 weeks as part of 'Snowdogs: Tails in Wales' trail.



The snow dog chef. Very much the finished article.

The project is presented by Ty Hafan in partnership with Wild in Art, a creative producer of 'public art events'.

After the show, the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival puppy will be varnished, auctioned and pledged to a community organisation to raise further funds for Ty Hafan.

Keep the snow puppy company will be another colourful canine friend, a sundog – designed and created by Cardiff artist Seth Oliver for Ty Hafan's Chefs' Night Out and part of an already completed snow dog Trail exhibit.

Speaking about this year's special guests, festival manager, Polly Wilson said: "We are so excited to have our very own snow puppy and sundog at this year's festival.

"It is a great art project in aid of such a deserving cause – every fingerprint counts and will raise vital funds for the charity, so we want as many as possible to get involved and pet our adorable snow puppy!"

Young foodies will have plenty to get their teeth into over the course of the weekend.

with a variety of children's activities being held in The Old Hall Gardens.

Families can expect crafts, face-painting, live music, birds of prey, a pottery wheel as well as other food-themed fun.

Make and Take your Tea is sure to be a favourite with those aged 3-7 who will be able to make their own pizza at the festival and put it in a box to take home to cook (2.30pm Sunday, 1.30pm Monday – limited availability, first come, first served basis).

This is the third year the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival has been held in the spring and the second year with its well-received open-plan festival layout.

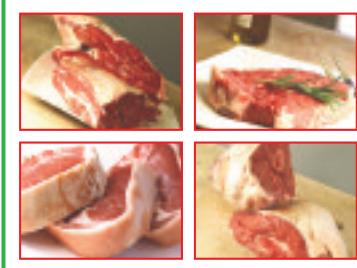
Day and weekend tickets are available via www.cowbridgefoodanddrink.org (all on line transactions receive a free festival cooler bag) and children under 12 can enjoy the festival for free and there is a free park and ride service running from both sides of town.

Ticket holders receive discounts and access to additional activities and town traders also offer promotions to ticket holders.

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Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival

Food Festival schedule

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Live Fire Demos,
Vale Forge Site, North Road

Sunday, May 28.

- 2pm Old Cogan Hall Farm
- 3pm Meat and Greek
- 4pm Hang Fire Southern Kitchen

Monday, May 29.

- 2pm Taste of Persia
- 3pm Asador 44

• 4pm Hang Fire Southern Kitchen

Forgotten Foods Skills Marquee

Old Hall Gardens

Sunday, May 28.

- 11.30am Bee Keeping
- 12.30pm The History Chefs

• 1.30pm Science Cream

• 2.30pm Arty Cooks

• 3.30pm Samba Band Workshop

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Keeping all the good stuff and adding extra has proved a great formula for the Cowbridge Festival of Food and Drink.

Regular festival goers will find their old favourites there, while newbies have the chance to discover what a great day it can be.

Everything is there for a family fun day, with plenty to interest the children, while older foodies can just bask in the massive choice of options.

As usual, two free park and ride schemes are running, on either side of the town, signposted as you enter the town.

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'Inspirational' day for the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes



Ann Jones and Sandra Davidson presenting the vice-chairman's award to Upper Killay WI.

MAY 3 was an inspirational day for the ladies of the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes, who attended their annual council meeting at the Princess Royal Theatre.

After a moving address from Ann Davies, Federation chairman, the members listened to three wonderful and inspiring speakers.

Jane Dixon, head of Denman College, was the first. A passionate advocate of Denman, she enthused the members by telling them about the wonderful opportunities it offered, leaning new skills by attending courses in not only cookery and craft, but in a huge variety of other subjects such as literature, music, history and lifestyle.

She spoke about the many benefits of a visit to Denman, including the chance to make new friends and above all, to have fun!

She also urged members to continue to support the Denman Appeal, which is raising much-needed funds to guarantee the maintenance of the College's grade II listed buildings.

Jane ended her talk by ensuring members that Denman College would continue to be 'The Jewel in the WI's Crown' for many years to come.

Dame Rosemary Butler told members that she was inspired to go into politics when she became a mother and discovered that there was a lack of a bench in the local park.



Ann Jones, vice chairman; Ann Davies, chairman; Helen Sharman, guest speaker; Sandra Davidson, vice-chairman and Claire Atherton, federation treasurer.

She was frustrated presented to WIs who before going into space had won sports in a Soyuz spacecraft. During her time on the space station, Helen carried out scientific experiments, and found time at the end of the day to look out of the window at the stars and at planet Earth.

She found space a fascinating place and would encourage anyone who wanted to be an astronaut to follow her dreams.

Her talk could have been called 'The Girl from Mars who went to the Stars'!

Everyone agreed that it had been a very enjoyable day and they were looking forward to another successful year of education, friendship and fun in the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes.

Your heart matters to Sully and Lavernock Hearts Matter



Frank Hennessy handing over the first defibrillator to Ian Mathias, Old School chairman. Photo by Alan Roberts.

THE Old School, the Sully Ambulance Services Trust, the and Lavernock annual Sully Show and from Sully Community Library, the Saving Sully group and the Sully and Lavernock Community Council has joined forces to install a network of public access defibrillators (AEDs) in Sully and Lavernock under the banner 'Sully & Lavernock Hearts Matter'.

These defibrillators will be installed in key public locations to ensure easy access in life-threatening emergencies.

The total cost to buy five defibrillators and outdoor storage cabinets together with their installation is over £7,000. Donations have been received from members of Sully U3A, the Welsh Bridge Club, the Welsh

Community Library and Lavernock Community Council, together with contributions from members of the public.

In addition, a sponsored walk arranged by the Saving Sully Group on April 30 raised £2,500 and a concert given by Frank Hennessy and The Hennessys in The Old School last Wednesday evening raised a further £600 towards this project.

Following the show, a local resident donated £200, in recognition of the key role a defibrillator has played in extending his life.

The team's funding target is now in sight, with nearly £6,000 already raised and the first defibrillators shortly to be installed at The Old School and at the Sully and Lavernock

Community Library.

The team aims to complete the network by the end of June and hopes that its success in raising the bulk of the cost will encourage members of the public to make contributions, however small, towards completing the scheme.

Please send a donation to The Old School, 1 South Road, Sully (CF64 5TG); cheques payable to The Old School; or to The Sully and Lavernock Community Council, Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue, Sully. Cheques payable to the Council or direct to bank account 73419223, Sort Code 20-18-27.

For further information call David Roberts, Council Clerk on 029-2053 0006 or Ian Mathias on 029-2053 0441.

MV Balmoral returns for the 2017 season

THANKS to the support shown by many to the recent public appeal, the classic coastal steamer MV *Balmoral* will be back in service in 2017.

A spokesperson said: "This welcome news has delighted all involved with owning and operating the historic vessel."

Despite being the National Historic Ships Flagship of the Year for 2016, *Balmoral* had a challenging year. Early season technical difficulties resulted in several days' sailings being cancelled, further cancellations due to bad weather resulted in over a quarter of sailings being lost including the vitally important August Bank Holiday weekend.

The trustees of the MV *Balmoral* Fund Ltd, the owners of the historic vessel, took the decision last October to launch an appeal to raise sufficient funds to ensure that she could sail again in 2017.

Donations came from many loyal *Balmoral* supporters, as well as many of the thousands of passengers who have sailed on the vessel.

"The appeal was a great success," said the spokesperson.

Balmoral, last flagship of the famous P&A Campbell White Funnel Fleet, is shortly to come out of dry dock after a refit which should leave her technical problems behind her. She will also be fully resplendent with a new paint job.

There is still much to do in the two weeks remaining before she starts her full 113-day summer season in just two weeks, on the weekend of May 27-28.

Her full crew will soon be joining, many from last season, under the leadership of last year's Captain David Howie.

On the Bristol Channel, *Balmoral* will sail for 54 days from May 26 to June 4 and then her main summer session of July 26 to September 4.

She will sail on 33 different days from her principle departure point, Penarth's pier, on some days calling as

often as four times during a day.

There will also be sailings from Porthcawl, Swansea and Briton Ferry. This year there are three new sailings from Milford Haven, thought to be the first since 1978.

One is around the Haven and River Cleddau, then a special bird-watching nature cruise around Skomer, Skokholm and Grassholm islands, then a direct sailing from Milford to Lundy Island giving almost four hours on the remote island.

In addition *Balmoral* will spend seven days in June, 12 days in July, and 14 in September on the north Wales coastline doing many exciting cruises from Llandudno, Menai Bridge, and other places; sailing to Liverpool around the Isle of Anglesey which is a cruise unique to *Balmoral*.

Then a first time ever cruise to sail from Wales to Port St Mary on the Isle of Man on June 29 sailing from either Menai Bridge or Llandudno with three hours ashore before back home to Wales.

The spokesperson said: "These cruises are proving very popular with many advance bookings taken."

"The 2017 timetable is packed full of popular trips and cruises not just around Wales but all around the UK from the south coast, the River Thames and even Scotland, the Western Isles and the River Clyde."

Full details of *Balmoral*'s sailings and to book tickets are at the White Funnel website at www.whitefunnel.co.uk.

SHORT CUT TO HAIR AND BARBER COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

THE Hair and Barber Council (HBC) is launching a new initiative to recognise people linked to the industry, and a Bridgend-based training provider has pledged to become the first associate member in Wales.

From July 1, the council will invite individuals with strong links with the hair and barber industry to become associate members. The move will open the door to people employed in, for example, manufacturing, wholesaling, awarding bodies, public relations and marketing, to name but a few sectors.

Shirley Davis-Fox, HBC's political director and board member for Wales, and also who chairs Bridgend-based ISA Training, an independent hair and beauty training provider in Wales, said: "This new initiative will enable all sectors of the industry to join our membership and help us to strengthen our case for mandatory registration of qualified hairdressers and barbers in the future."

"We are encouraging everyone with strong links with the industry to get registered and be part of making history."

She said that HBC is campaigning to make it compulsory for all qualified hairdressers and barbers to be state registered.



Shirley Davis-Fox, Hair and Barber Council board member for Wales.

Currently, registration is voluntary, which means that the industry is unregulated.

"This lack of regulatory protection allows anyone to set themselves up as a hairdresser or barber and work with potential dangerous chemicals even if they have no qualifications, experience or training."

The campaign is being led by Mrs Davis-Fox who has lobbied the UK and Welsh Governments to introduce compulsory state registration.

More details about the associate member scheme package will be released by the Hair and Barber Council in the coming weeks. Anyone interested should contact: registrar@haircouncil.org.uk or call 0208 760 7010.

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Other clinics available throughout South Wales. Please see website for more details

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Poet Laureate will be at Barry Arts Festival

POET LAUREATE Carol Ann Duffy is the first big name of the summer in this year's Barry Arts Festival.

Carol Ann Duffy comes to Barry on Saturday, June 24 where she will be reading poems from her recent collections at St Mary's Church on Holton Road (5pm start).

Appointed Poet Laureate in 2009, Carol Ann Duffy's work is studied in A-Level and GCSE lessons and she is well known for poems about the MPs' expenses scandal, the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton and a poem read by Benedict Cumberbatch about King Richard the Third when his bones were finally put to rest.

Her most recent work has included a tour of the UK dealing with themes and the fallout from the recent referendum on European Union membership and Brexit'.

Entry is free; non-members welcome. Interesting and unusual plants as well as teas, coffees and home made cakes. For further information on the sale, contact 01446 774036.

Barry Arts Festival organiser Dot Connell said it was a great coup for the festival to have Carol Ann Duffy reading and performing.

Dot said: "Carol Ann Duffy is one of the foremost poets of recent decades, studied in schools, but relevant to all age groups."

"Carol Ann Duffy joins other poets who have performed at Barry Arts Festival in recent years, including the former National Poet of Wales, Gillian Clarke, and bilingual poet Menna Elfyn."

"This is an all ages event and we would love to see local schools attend, as well as anybody with an interest in poetry or just what's happening around us in society."

"We are very grateful to Barry Town Council and to Newydd Housing for their generous sponsorship of this event."

Tickets are available from Dot Connell on 07982 319456, dot.connell@virgin.net or www.ticketsource.co.uk/barry-arts-festival.

Barry Hookers help Parkinson's group



FOLLOWING the success of the calendar printed and sold by Barry Hookers Crochet and Craft Group last December, the group was recently delighted to make a donation to another local charity.

This time, £200 was donated to the Vale Parkinson's Support Group which meets on a monthly basis in Dinas Powys.

Barry Hookers group meet each Wednesday morning from 10am – 12pm at Coffee Cove, Barry Island. Please come and join us if you are interested in crochet, knitting, sewing, quilting, tatting ... any craft at all!

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Coffee break
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What's On - In Brief

warmly welcomed.
RBL Outreach AN adviser from the Royal British Legion will be available at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Thursday, May 25 from 10am to 12 noon as part of the Legion's Outreach services for the Armed Forces community, past

and present and their families, across Wales.

No appointment is needed, just come along; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Sponsored beach clean

B A R R Y Comprehensive School's Team Sri Lanka will be hard at work on Barry Island from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, May 27. Please come and support us.

Nursery provides Little Inspirations

AN award-winning children's day nursery company was runner-up for a national accolade when it represented Wales in the final of the FSB and Worldpay UK Business Awards in London.

Little Inspirations, which operates from sites in Barry, Llantrisant and Rhydfeelin, attended the awards ceremony at the Swan, Shakespeare's Globe in London as the Wales winner of the national employer award.

The award recognises employers who have seen the benefits that arise from investing in their employees, including attracting, developing and retaining staff.

Little Inspirations, founded in 2003, ticks all those boxes and more thanks to the passion of inspirational founder Jenine Gill who leads her 68 staff by example and has plans to expand the business by adding more nurseries to her portfolio.

"Although we didn't win the UK award, it was a great experience to attend the ceremony and I was very happy to have been judged the Welsh winner," said Jenine.

She considers Little Inspirations to be a apprenticeship learning institute for programme brings the those looking to develop latest ideas to her



Managing director of Little Inspirations Jenine Gill.

a career in the child care sector and demands the highest standards from her staff. The company provides quality childcare services for children aged from six weeks to 11 years of age and currently has more than 30 apprentices.

Jenine, who left school with minimum GCSEs and has overcome dyslexia, has created a deep-rooted culture of learning in her business, which holds a Flying Start contract.

Her personal learning journey has taken her to a higher apprenticeship in leadership and management level five.

She supports staff to improve their skills and confidence with learning ranging from Foundation (Level 2) to Higher (Level 5) apprenticeships.

"When I worked with children, I never got bored of seeing a child's smile or their first step or working with a child with additional needs and seeing them develop.

"Now, in my current role, I enjoy seeing staff develop. If I can change somebody's life or change the direction they are taking for the better, there is no greater reward than that."

business and allows staff to reflect on their own personal abilities. "If staff are enrolled on to the correct apprenticeship, it stretches them but also is achievable," she said.

"Therefore, when staff achieve the qualification at the end there is a sense of pride and we celebrate this as a business."

She revealed that the company has exciting expansion plans and stressed the staff learning and development would continue to be at the heart of the business in the future. She is content to reinvest profit back into the business.

"I am completely humble, as I don't forget where I have come from," said Jenine.

"You have to make your business sustainable but at the same time offer services that are affordable to parents. It's definitely a balancing act but investment in staff is worth every penny."

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Welcome to

Urdd Eisteddfod



29 May - 3 June 2017

The Urdd Eisteddfod is coming: are you ready?

MOD Glamorgan will soon be bathed in red, white and green, along with images of the triangular mascot, which signals the arrival of Mistar Urdd and his Eisteddfod.

When the Urdd Eisteddfod comes to town, it brings communities together and everyone is welcome to take part.

The best way to experience what this unique festival has to offer is to visit the site in Pencoed between May 29 and June 3. A close second is to let S4C take you there with wall to wall coverage on TV and online every day – and if you need help with your Welsh, there are subtitles and English commentary available via the red button service.

In preparation for what's to come, let S4C be your guide. On Friday, May 26, just days from the start of the big event, Nia Roberts presents the programme *Croeso i Eisteddfod yr Urdd*. This will preview the festival, and give you the chance to get to know the area and some of its people.

We'll visit local schools to see how pupils have been preparing for the festival and enjoy a sneak peek of their rehearsals for the Youth and Primary shows – a highlight for many proud parents.

The themes of both shows are closely tied to

the area's history, which will also be explored in the programme.

The Primary Show tells the story of two Italians as they leave their home town of Bardi for a new life in the Rhondda Valleys. The Youth Show is based on the Welsh folk song 'Bugeilio'r Gwenith Gwyn' which tells the story of unrequited love.

Outside the school gates, the programme will see how the area's youth have got stuck in to fundraising for the Eisteddfod in activities associated with their Urdd clubs, or 'Aelwydod'.

We'll meet members of Porthcawl's Urdd Aelwyd – the oldest in the region – who have, as part of their fundraising efforts, released their own CD to celebrate the Eisteddfod.

Community fundraising is a huge part of the Eisteddfod and a bulk of this is taken on by dedicated volunteers. Among them is Kathryn Jones, who was born in Maesteg and was inspired to learn Welsh after the Urdd Eisteddfod came to her community in 1979. This time, she has produced a book for Welsh readers to raise money in aid of the events for Welsh learners at the Eisteddfod.

Inspirational stories, culture and history surrounded by the buzz of excitement. Bridgend county borough is ready to welcome Wales to its Eisteddfod.

Make sure you're ready too.

The colours of the Urdd Eisteddfod, portrayed in balloons.



YOUNG ACTORS ARE READY TO STAR IN THE PENCOED URDD EISTEDDFOD MUSICALS



The production team behind the shows are pleased with how things are going!



The primary school pupils who will be performing Bracchi.



The older pupils will be performing Y Ferch o Gefn Ydfa in the Sony Theatre in Bridgend College.

OVER 200 children and young people from the Bridgend area will get the opportunity to perform in two musicals during the Urdd National Eisteddfod, which will be visiting the area between May 29 and June 3, 2017.

These are the two official Urdd Eisteddfod musicals – one named *Bracchi* for primary children and *Y Ferch o Gefn Ydfa* for the secondary pupils.

A total of 150 children will perform *Bracchi* on Tuesday evening, May 30, in the main Eisteddfod pavilion in a show which follows the trials and tribulations of two Italians as they try to make their fortune in the valleys at the turn of the century.

The 60 secondary pupils will perform *Y Ferch o Gefn Ydfa* in the Sony Theatre, Bridgend College, Saturday evening, May 27, and Monday evening, May 29.

This new musical tells the love story of Ann Thomas and Wil Hopcyn and their forbidden love which inspired the traditional folk song, 'Bugeilio'r Gwenith Gwyn'.

Tickets for both shows are £14 and available from urdd.cymru/tickets or 0845 257 1639.



Welcome to

Urdd Eisteddfod

29 May - 3 June 2017



TOP TIPS FOR VISITORS TO THE EISTEDDFOD

COMING to the Urdd National Eisteddfod at Pencoed? Here are a few top tips from local experienced Eisteddfod-goer Elin Mannion (right).

1. How can I buy tickets for the Eisteddfod?

You can buy tickets on the gate but my top tip would be to buy beforehand from urdd.cymru/tickets to skip all the queues!

2. Any chance of a free ticket?

The only way to get a free ticket is by volunteering, offering to work a few hours as a steward at the event but if that doesn't appeal, my top tip would be to come on the last Saturday, June 3, as all entry tickets are half price.

3. How will I find my car at the end of the day?

Well, my top tip here would be to use that old trick of tying a ribbon or small flag to your car aerial!

4. What can I do to prepare before I get to the Maes?

The best thing to do to prepare is to download the app, which is available now from 'Google Play' and the 'App Store' (Ap Eisteddfod). You can also buy a programme for the day beforehand from your local Welsh book shop, perfect for planning your day before you arrive.

5. What should I wear for the event?

Ever the optimist, I would suggest shorts, a t-shirt, a hat and lots of sun cream. But to be realistic, you will probably need to put your wellies and a coat in the boot just in case! One thing is for sure, you will need flat shoes made



for walking – no heels here! Think of it as a bit like Glastonbury but without all the mud.

6. I have got small children. What should we do when we first get to the Maes?

When you arrive, head over to the first marquee, which is the Croeso/Welcome tent where there will be plenty of stewards to help you and free maps available. Find out where the

Mudiad Meithrin tent is, where you can get name wrist bands for your children to keep them safe in case you get separated.

The top tip here also is to head over to the S4C pavilion to ensure that you've got your tickets for the Sioc Cyw, the live show of the S4C children's service which is always a fantastic show each year.

7. What is there to do on the family day out?

There is so much to do on the Maes it's hard to know where to begin. Once you pay your entry fee and head into the Maes, you'll notice that it is like a festival, full of colourful stalls, activities, sports, TV crews filming, lots of competing on the main stage in the pavilion, a funfair, exhibitions, and performances on a live stage. There's also a wide array of food stalls with something for everybody, from the healthy to the not-so-healthy.

You can enjoy so many things free, or you can pay for the fairground. You can quite literally do your Christmas shopping there if you are organised enough!

8. If I haven't got any money on me, are there any cash machines there?

Of course there are cash machines there for you; they've made it very easy for you to spend money. So cash machines, WiFi – it's all sorted.

9. Do I have to be able to speak Welsh?

The Eisteddfod is, of course, a Welsh festival but rest assured, learners and non-Welsh speakers are welcomed with open arms, there's no need to be able to speak the language.

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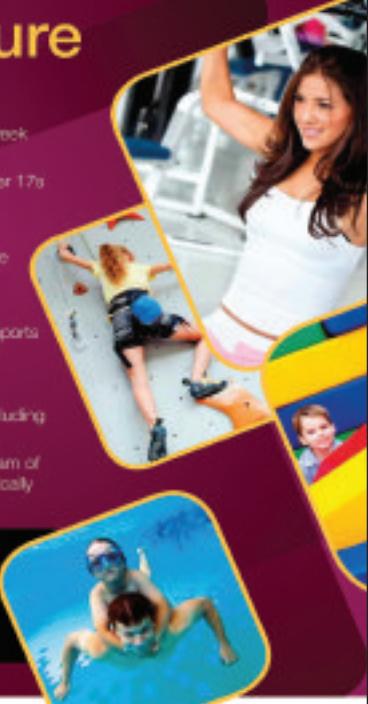
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CYHOEDDI LINE-UP GWYL FACH Y FRO 2017!

Bydd Gŵyl Fach y Fro yn dychwelyd unwaith eto eleni i Ynys y Barri – ar ddydd Sadwrn, 17 Mehefin. Caffod yr wyl Gymreig flynyddol hon ei sefydly gan Fenter Bro Morgannwg yn 2015, i ddatbahu a chodi profiwl y Gymraeg yn y Fro.

Os nad ydych wedi bod yng Ngŵyl Fach y Fro o'r blaen, dyna 6 rheswm da pam y dylech fynd eleni.

CHWECH O RESYMAU DROS GARU GWYL FACH Y FRO 2017!

1) Y lleoliad

Cynhelir Gŵyl Fach y Fro ar lan y môr yn Ynys y Barri - y lle ddefrydol ar gyfer gŵyl deuluo! Mae'n cael ei chymhell rhwng 11.30am a 7pm ac mae'n hawdd mynd yno ar y trêm ac ar y bws.

2) Cerdoriaeth Ardderchog

Bydd rhwbythet at ddan pawb yng Ngŵyl Fach y Fro 2017 – o gano pop i gerddoriaeth jazz. Mae'r artistiaid yn cynnwys ffeffrynnau cerdoriaeth Gymraeg, y chwedolionol Bryn Fôn a' band, y grŵp indie roc, Candelas a'r triawd electro pop, HMS Morris.

3) Stodinâu, gweithgareddau a gweithdai

Mae digoneidd i'w wneud yn y digwyddiad – bydd stodinâu'n gwerthu cynnrychymreig leol ac anrhegion, ardal chwarae i blant, beicio a swigod, sgliliau syrcau, taith wellingtons ar y traeth a llawer o weithdai difyr.

4) Bwyd a diod blasus

Bydd y digwyddiad yn cynnwys bar a fydd yn cael ei redeg gan fragdy lleol Tomos & Lliford, a bydd bwyd yn cael ei weini gan Grazing Shed, Ffwrnes Pizza a Bay 5.

5) Mae'n gyflwyniad ardderchog i'r Gymraeg a'i diwylliant

Mae croeso i bawb yng Ngŵyl Fach y Fro –

WÂC WELIS



Mae'r Fenter hefyd yn cynnal teithiau natur dan arweiniad Jén Dafis yn fisol ar hyn o bryd, a hynny mewn nifer o ardaloedd gwahanol ar draws y Fro.

Dros y misoedd diwethaf, mae'r lleoliadau difyr wedi cynnwys Cosmeton, Traeth Llanilltud Fawr a Ffwrnes Ymddiriedolaeth Amelia.

Bydd y sesiun nesaf yn cael ei gynnal ar ddydd Gwener Mai 19eg ym Mharc Gwledig Porthceri, gan gyfarfod am 10am ger y caffi. Dewch i ddysgu mwy am fyd natur trwy hwyl, a chofiwch eich wels! Mae hwn yn weithgaredd i'r teulu cyfan ond wedi'i anelu yn benodol at blant 0-5 miliydd oed. Y pris yw £3.50 y plentyn a gallwch gofresti ar wefan y Fenter neu trwy gysylltu gyda ffion@menterbromorganwg.cymru / 029 20689888.

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Mae gennym sesiun sgwrsio gyda'r nos yn ardal Llanilltud Fawr, a'r cael ei gynnal ar nos Lun cyntaf pob mis rhwng 7-8pm yn yr Old White Hart. Cyfle gwych i gyfarfod dysgwyr eraill ac ymarfer y Gymraeg – croeso i bawb!

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LAUNCHING GWYL FACH Y FRO 2017!



STORYTIME



We run free weekly Welsh-medium storytime sessions during the school term.

These sessions are suitable for children aged 0-5 years, and there is a warm welcome to non-Welsh speaking parents/guardians. It is a great way of introducing the Welsh language to your child from a young age through stories and repetitive songs, and you might pick

up some vocabulary yourself!

Barry Library – Every Tuesday 10.30-11am

Llanwit Major Library – Every Thursday 10.30-11am

Cowbridge Library – Every Thursday 2-2.30pm

***NEW* Dinas Powys Library** –

Every Thursday 10-10.30am. There is also a craft session which follows the storytime at 10.30am (£1.50 per child).

Providing a range of social opportunities is crucial in order to support the formal learning process, and Menter Bro Morgannwg co-ordinates a programme of extra-curricular activities which will give learners opportunities to practise and use their Welsh outside the classroom environment. These activities are all suitable for Welsh learners of all levels.

Foxy's Coffee Morning

We run a monthly Coffee Morning at Foxy's Deli, Penarth, on the first Thursday of every month. Join us between 10-11am to chat and practise your Cymraeg over a cuppa! Upcoming dates: June 1st, July 6th.

Academy Coffee Morning

We have recently established another Coffee Morning in the Barry area, which has proved so popular that it will now be held weekly. This is held every Tuesday morning, 10-11am at Academy Espresso Bar, which is located in the Pumphouse building.

Dysgu a Diod

We also have an evening conversational session at Llanwit Major, which is held on the first Monday of every month between 7-8pm at the Old White Hart. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Welsh learners and chat informally. Upcoming dates: June 5th, July 3rd.

WELSH LEARNERS



Weekly Sports Clubs

There are many weekly sports clubs held across the Vale, in partnership between Menter Bro Morgannwg, the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Urdd Sport Department.

The Swimming and Gymnastics Clubs continue throughout the year, and new activities for the Summer term include a Summer Sports Club at Llanwit Major, and Rugby Club for children in Reception-Year 1 in Barry. For more information about these clubs, and to book a place for your child, please ring the Urdd Office on (029) 20635698 or contact the Sports Development Officers directly:

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WELLY WALK



Menter Bro Morgannwg currently organise monthly nature trails with Jén Dafis, in various locations across the Vale.

Over the last few months, the interesting locations have included Cosmeston, Llanwit Major Beach and Amelia Trust Farm.

The next session will be held on Friday May 19th at Porthkerry Country Park, and we will meet at 10am by the cafe. Come along to learn more about nature in this interactive and fun walk, and don't forget your wellies! This is an activity for the whole family but is aimed specifically at children aged 0-5 years. The price is £3.50 per child and you can book ahead on Menter's website or by contacting ffion@menterbromorganwg.cymru / 029 20689888

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U3A meet a man who was once lost for words – BUT NOT ANYMORE!

THE speaker at the May meeting of Cowbridge U3A was Alan Badmington, who said he is often accused now of talking too much, but that can probably be excused after 50 years of being 'Lost for Words', which was the title of his talk.

For half a century, Alan had difficulty telling people his name because of a bad stammer, which he had from the age of three. His grandmother had unwittingly drawn attention to his speech problem by continually asking him to repeat what he'd just spent minutes trying to enunciate.

Despite speech therapy in his younger years, Alan found grammar school difficult, as reading aloud was nigh on impossible and attempting to respond to questions in class not worth the effort. Speaking in front of a group was out of the question.

It was not just one or two letters that proved problematic – half the alphabet was beyond his ability to pronounce without a stammer.

As a result, Alan became adept at finding synonyms starting with letters he had no trouble with – but he still had to carry a slip of paper with his name written on it, as a 'b' was one of the difficult letters.

Shopping, in the days before supermarket checkouts, and travel, before there were automatic ticket machines or the internet, could result in nightmare scenarios and he would never ask for directions.

At the age of 19, Alan made a significant career decision. Instead of choosing employment where he could avoid social interactions and not need to speak much, he applied to join the police force.

The interview was relatively short and he had carefully rehearsed answers

THE MEN WHO PLANNED A NEW TOWN AT BARRY

Local historian Laurie Owen is fascinated by how the town of Barry grew so rapidly in the late 1800s, after the building of Barry Dock. In this article, he looks at the men behind the infrastructure:

In August 1884, the Barry Dock Bill was finally given Royal Assent and the leading colliery owners of the Rhondda, Ogmore and Llynfi Valleys could at last begin their ambitious project. Just three months later, the chairman, Lord Windsor, cut the first sod to signal that work on the docks could start.

The illustrious contractor TA Walker brought 3,000 navvies to work day and night on their momentous task which, when opened in July 1889, would change this small village forever.

At the same time, construction began on the railway main line between Cadoxton and Pontypridd, which would give the company an alternative route to transport their steam coal and by July 1889 this came to fruition, with the first traffic on the move.

The Vale of Glamorgan Railway Company was incorporated in 1889 but would not be operational until December 1897, when the Bridgend to Barry line opened.

This was indeed a major achievement orchestrated by David Davies of Llandinam, the owner of Ocean Collieries.

Much has been written about this incredible man and others who brought wealth and inspiration to this small village on the banks of the Bristol Channel. This story will explore what happened next.

We should remember that long before wireless sets, people only knew what they saw, were told by friends or read in the local paper. The Barry Dock News began operations in 1889 from Vere Street, and for a 1d a week, residents could follow events as they unfolded.

The First Barry and Cadoxton Local Board 1888-1894.

UNDER the auspices of the 'Local Government Board' a group of influential men were chosen to establish the infrastructure required for the development of Barry as a town.

The Local Government Board supervised the administration of laws regarding Public Health, the Relief of the Poor and Local Government from 1871-1919, when it was replaced by the Ministry of Health.

Its president was appointed by Queen Victoria and was normally a cabinet minister, who mostly decided policy but was well supported by several Lords and officers who carried out the routine work.

They could also intervene in disputes between the local board and local bodies or ratepayers.

The Local Board would become the Urban District Council in 1894 but their offices would remain in Vere Street until January 1896, when the first meeting was held in the new offices at 158/160 Holton Road, before moving to their new building on King Square 12 years later.

As someone who was born into a well-established town in the early 1940s, it is not easy to imagine the sheer volume of work that went on in those early days and the dedication necessary to ensure that the expansion was managed efficiently.

Records show that in 1881 Barry was most likely the smallest village in the county, yet just 14 years later, it had grown into a town more quickly than any similar location in Britain.

We should remember that things do not just happen, people have to make them happen and those early settlers were fortunate that in their midst were men who were up to the task.

With little by way of infrastructure, decisions were being made at endless meetings regarding finance, housing, water, drains and sewerage, streets and roads, power and lighting, health, refuse, education, food and drink, crime and everything else that a community needs.

With so much to be done with great urgency, other committees were set up to deal with different aspects of the work, yet still subordinate to the Local Board, who in turn were answerable to the Local Government Board.

The Burial Board, the Cadoxton and Merthyr Dowlan School Board, plus separate committees for Public Works, Health, Finance and Bye-Laws were dealing with issues which had mostly not been necessary before.

After their daily work, these men attended meetings, often in dingy, dimly-lit, cold rooms and travelling by horse and trap over muddy roads in all weathers – and unpaid.

Rates

THE men chosen were influential people and knew that loans would be required for the major works, but local 'rates' would have to pay for salaries and offices and a great many of the 'running costs' as they cropped up.

The Finance Committee would set a new rate twice a year, dependent on the estimated expenditure for the coming period. The members took a great deal of time debating the issues, agreeing the amount and then hoping to receive the payments on time.

There was also a Poor Rate collected, which was a tax on parish householders to pay for workhouses and general poor relief in their own district.

The rate set in November 1888 was 1/6d in the pound, which should achieve an income of £1,195.12s.5d, but £120 of unpaid arrears illustrated what lay ahead.

The many new houses and businesses would increase income but also expenditure and over those early years when money was critical, about 27 per cent of rates due were not paid on time.

In December 1894, at a Local Board meeting, the secretary, J.A. Hughes presented a detailed income and expenditure report, covering the period since its inception six years earlier. It would have made interesting reading to those who wondered how their money had been spent and it should have explained to some complainers, the work being done on their behalf.

The article in the Barry Dock News contained great detail but this was a brief summary:

The total received from rates was £70,211 and with several loans from the Government Board and commercial lenders amounting to £265,615, the total income for the period was £335,826.

Expenditure from rates was £75,124, repayment on loans was £71,767 and the purchase of the Gas and Water Company was £190,859, making a grand total of £337,750.

Huge sums were involved and as such the infrastructure was established over such a short time, surely the members of the many Boards deserved appreciation and respect.

There are many ways of comparing the relative value of their pounds with our 2017 pounds, but they can be complicated; so to put it into some perspective, in 1890 JC Pardoe was paid £100pa as the Sanitary Inspector and £200 when he combined it with his role as surveyor.

JA Hughes, the secretary of the Board

was paid £60pa and Dr G Neale received £25pa as the first Medical Officer of Health and £30pa as Port Medical Officer.

Assessing rates was a continuing process and over those early years the changing members seemed to manage quite well, but it was difficult to please everyone, as illustrated by this story.

Now under the banner of the Urban District Council, in October 1905 a deputation of the largest ratepayers in the town approached councillors to stress the importance of careful spending of public money, and they were speaking for the leading employers in the town.

As businesses were charged a higher rate than mere mortals, these men together paid 75 per cent of the rates in the district and therefore presented a real challenge.

JP Jones-Lloyd, President of the Chamber of Trade, J Lowdon JP, Director of the Graving Dock, David Sibbering Jones, partner of timber merchants Meggitt and Jones and RP Culley, owner of the Barry Dock Hotel and restaurants in Cardiff, all stressed that high rates would affect the future development of the town.

The Joseph Rank Ltd representative said that when they negotiated with the Dock Company to build flour mills in 1903, the rate was 7s 2d in the pound and now it was 8s 2d, which was so high that it would affect their plans and prevent other industries coming to the area.

Although the meeting was conducted in a cordial fashion, it was obvious that the councillors would not take kindly to being told how to manage the public finances, especially by businessmen with a vested interest.

After fully digesting what had occurred, the next meeting of the council was illuminating and the response of members possibly justified.

JC Meggitt said there were 693 empty houses in July and if they were filled, income from those extra rates would be £4,154. In a survey he conducted, some of his men had counted an average of 200 workers a day arriving in Barry on the 6am train from Cardiff and Penarth.

With others on later trains and 150-200 coal-trimmers from Cardiff and Cogan each day, this represented a great number who could possibly be encouraged by their employers to live locally.

These men also had cheap train travel and although rates were lower in Penarth than in Barry, they were higher still in most other seaport towns.

Chairman JA Manaton resented being told they were not performing well enough and took great pleasure in saying that the Dock and Railway Company ran out of water just a day earlier and the council came to their rescue.

For £25 a day, they would gladly supply them with water and then they might see a reduction of rates.

Dr Sixsmith then weighed in with more rhetoric, suggesting the deputation had come to support the South Wales Electrical Power Company to help a "Hydra-Headed Monster" to get a grip at the throats of the ordinary ratepayers".

Mr Jose said many of the industries in question were paying the "lowest sweating rates of wages" and that the council should ignore their demands until they "abandoned their spirit of selfishness and greed" and took more care of their employees.

It must have been awkward for JC Meggitt as a councillor, with his business partner David Sibbering Jones in the other camp.

This confrontation served to highlight the many difficulties councillors had, as they battled to secure the funds needed to make the town habitable for the thousands of newcomers.

Often pilloried from all sides, these men surely deserved better treatment as they gave up their time, moving around as they did by horse and trap and without payment.

Coffee break at Mount Pleasant



Jane Hutt with Diane Phelps, Nesta Bowen and Liz Carmichael.
MOUNT Pleasant Church in Cadoxton has opened the doors of its lovely church community hall to offer a coffee break between 9am and 12 noon.

Jane Hutt AM visited the church hall on Monday to meet some of the ladies who had the idea to organise this new community initiative, and to enjoy a coffee and a chat.

AM WELCOMES BLOOD BIKES TO THE SENEDD

THE work of charity Blood Bikes Wales was showcased at the National Assembly last week.

The event, sponsored by South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies, allowed both Assembly Members and visiting members of the public to learn more about how the charity operates.

The organisation, which operates in the Vale, has over 300 volunteers across Wales.

Using their fleet of 16 motorcycles, they provide their

services free of charge to support the NHS by transporting lifesaving supplies to those in urgent need of treatment.

Mr Davies said: "It was both a pleasure and an inspiration to welcome Blood Bikes Wales to the Assembly.

"They do a lot of good work in the Vale, and have saved countless lives by putting their skills towards a really good cause."

"It's estimated that for every £1 spent by the charity, they save the NHS £5, so it really does make a difference – and I'd urge more people to get involved."

Plaid's motion to increase council wages

PLAID Cymru councillors have demanded Barry Town Council become an accredited 'Living Wage Employer'.

A motion from Plaid Cymru to the first full council meeting, to be held at the end of May, calls for the council to become a 'Living Wage Employer', paying every member of staff at least £8.45 per hour.

The leader of the Labour group, Coun Bronwen Brooks, pointed out that the council already pays above the National Living Wage.

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson said: "Barry Town Council is one of Barry's largest employers, with more than 20 members of staff at the council offices on Gladstone Road, at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, and Pioneer Hall, and is fully funded by Barry residents.

"We have a duty to be the best possible employers and part of that is paying all of our staff a proper living wage."

"During the election campaign I met with the Vale Citizens campaign group, who made the 'Real Living Wage' one of their priorities. I am pleased to be

pushing this forward now that I've been re-elected."

Plaid Cymru leader, Coun Shirley Hodges, added: "If we want to persuade other businesses in Barry to pay the 'Real Living Wage' then Barry Town Council should take the lead.

"When Coun Johnson asked in 2013 that Barry Town Council become a 'Living Wage Employer', Labour councillors voted against it so that it was defeated 14-5. I hope that newly elected councillors will see this as an important moral issue and support our motion."

In response, Coun Brooks explained: "As leader of the Labour Group I am aware that Barry Town Council already pays above the National Living Wage of £7.50 an hour and furthermore wrote to the national negotiators, AMs and MPs in 2016 detailing concerns about some councils adopting the Living Wage Scheme, but only temporarily.

"The motion submitted by Coun Johnson will be discussed by the council on May 31 in line with the Barry Town Council's standing orders."

Llantwit Boys' Brigade get active in Cardiff



SIX boys from the junior section of the 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade Company took part in the Boys' Brigade Get Active event in Cardiff on Saturday.

This was arranged as part of 'Get Active in 2017' and involved teams competing in a series of 16 challenges. These included Banana Pass, Sheep Driving, Water Pipes and Caterpillar!

Our team of Thomas Ellis, Mason

Cornwall, Ieuan Taylor, Aaron Howse, Lewis Collins and Tyler Lee did their best (see photographs) and were placed third out of eight. Well done to the boys, especially as they were the youngest team to participate.

The boys had a wonderful afternoon and we hope to enter again next year.

For more information about Boys' Brigade in Llantwit Major contact Debbie on 01446 796208.

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'Healthy eating' at local primary school

LLANCARFAN Primary School is a member of the Vale's 'Healthy Schools Scheme.'

After making a successful application to Public Health Wales for a workshop, the after school club was visited by Richard Shaw from Cooking Together Wales.

He held a session on how to prepare a lunchbox. Children measured, weighed, mixed, rolled, cooked and then tasted their creations.

They made wraps and fruity flapjacks together and learned all about the 'good' and the 'bad' nutritional content of foods.

Mr Shaw said he enjoyed meeting the children and was very impressed with the way they all worked together.

Mr Smith, headteacher, said: "It is so important for children to eat a healthy, balanced diet and they are never too young to learn nutritional



"Children who eat a healthy, balanced diet are likely to be more energised and motivated, supporting their ability to learn."

"Educating children on healthy eating during childhood will also hopefully help them make healthier choices as they become adults."

Vale campaigner says ovarian cancer petition 'raised awareness'

A PETITION calling for a national yearly screening programme for ovarian cancer was debated at the Welsh Assembly, thanks to a Vale campaigner.

The woman, who for personal reasons does not want to be identified, put the petition forward "because so many of my friends have died and because they hadn't been screened".

After she had put forward the petition, she was able to add a more detailed submission in support of it.

Although a screening programme won't go ahead, the campaigner told The GEM that she believed the petition had raised awareness of the disease among the public and elected representatives.

She said: "A report was sent to AMs on March 29 and there was an hour-long debate. Although national screening is not going ahead, people at the Assembly told me: 'You have come a long way with this'."

"I think the petition and the debate made AMs, both men and women, more aware of the issue."

The 'Support Yearly

Screening for Ovarian Cancer' petition was initially discussed by the petitions committee on February 2, 2016, so the debate recently was the end of a year-long process. An election took place in May last year so that did slow consideration of the petition.

A CA125 blood test is a simple means of diagnosing ovarian cancer. In Wales, around 390 women each year receive the news that they have ovarian cancer, and around 233 lose their lives.

The campaigner had pointed out that the cost of the test would be £20 to £25 for the NHS, but privately it could be around £200.

A 'CA125 blood test' is a 'tumour marker' and provides a strong indication of cancer. It means a GP can refer a woman to a gynaecologist who will then carry out a vaginal scan.

The campaigner said she understood a video had been made available to GPs detailing the issues around ovarian cancer and referral. She added that it was encouraging that there was ongoing research to improve the screening test.

Barry councillor selected as Plaid's election candidate

PLAID CYMRU has chosen Vale and town councilor Ian Johnson to stand as their general election candidate on June 8.

He said the incinerator was a key local issue, and that nationally it was important Wales had a strong voice during Brexit negotiations.

Coun Johnson was recently re-elected to the Vale Council and Barry Town Council, finishing first in Buttrills ward in the centre of the town and increasing his vote.

He currently works as a mental health researcher, and has previously taught at Cardiff University and been an award-winning researcher at the Houses of Parliament – as well as a sports reporter for The GEM.

He said: "My experience as a local councillor and working for a mental health charity means that I understand the real world impact of another Conservative government cutting spending and cutting our



public services.

"The Labour Party are now in complete chaos and cannot form a coherent opposition, never mind an effective government. Just look at the mess they've made over the Barry Docks incinerator."

"Plaid Cymru are taking this election seriously. We will continue to fight the incinerator and stand up for the needs of Barry and the Vale, providing a strong voice for Wales in Brexit negotiations in order to protect investment and jobs."

'Blackpool Belle' Pat Stewart passes away

THE irrepressible Pat Stewart, who achieved photographic immortality as 'The Blackpool Belle in the Polka Dot Dress' has died at the age of 83.

Pat, who lived in Llanmaes, was a larger-than-life character who became famous thanks to an unforgettable image published in Picture Post magazine in 1951.

In 2011, Pat described the background of the photo to The GEM.

She said: "Although it was 60 years ago, I have a clear recollection of having the photograph taken. At the time, I was working on Blackpool North Pier as a dancer kicking my legs!"

The photograph was taken by Bert Hardy and graced the front page of Picture Post magazine's 50th anniversary edition.

Bert invited Pat and fellow dancer Wendy Clark to perch on the railings of Blackpool promenade. Wendy, sporting a white dress, was gazing down at the beach; Pat, in the polka dot dress, was in a more risqué pose with the wind blowing up the dress to reveal a shapely leg.

Magazine readers loved the photograph for capturing a carefree, golden moment in the sunshine at the British seaside.

Pat told The GEM that the year it was taken – 1951 – was critical to its enduring popularity. The austerity of the postwar years was coming to an end and the fifties heralded a new beginning for the younger generation.

"Who knows why it became iconic? – But it did."

Pat also had a notable showbiz career, and was part of a theatrical



double act 'Nick and Pat Lunden' with Bernard Bresnick. She worked with Joan Collins and Benny Hill, and even appeared in one show with Laurel and Hardy!

Pat was originally from the north of England and her association with Wales began when she met and married the Welsh comedian Johnny Stewart in Weymouth in 1956. Johnny had a long and successful career on TV, in the theatre and on the club circuit.

Despite her association with the Blackpool image, Pat never made a penny out of it.

Last year, she released her autobiography, entitled 'The Girl in the Spotted Dress' and attended local book signings.

Over the years, she had lived in Wick, Llantwit Major and Llanmaes.

Local groups learn all about fundraising online at GVS event



ELEVEN voluntary and community groups serving the Vale attended a 'Localgiving' workshop hosted by Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) recently.

The workshop looked at the essentials of online fundraising and how Localgiving can help people make the most of this potential income including:

A year's free Localgiving membership (usually £96) for charitable groups:

Access to gift aid on all donations (an extra 25 per cent), whether it is a registered charity or not;

A free package of training and one-

to-one support in online fundraising; £200 match funding for every group that signs up to the programme, making that first 'ask' easier;

Opportunities to access over £2,500 of further match funding throughout the year.

For more information about Localgiving, contact Lauren Swain, South Wales development manager at email lauren@localgiving.org; telephone 07808 889672 or visit <https://localgiving.org/rdp/wales>.

GVS offers free and low cost services tailor-made for community and charitable groups. To find out more, contact 01446 741706, email enquiries@gvs.wales, or see www.gvs.wales.

ST ATHAN COMMUNITY CENTRE GETS A £2,000 PLAYTIME BOOST

MEMBERS of the St Athan Community Centre in Glyndwr Avenue are celebrating after receiving £2,000 of funding to buy play equipment.

The cash came from a Welsh Government Play Grant, and Joanne Jones, the play development officer for the Vale Council, recently delivered the items to the community centre. There are more to be dropped off at a later date.

The play equipment will be used in future play sessions and play schemes at the community centre.

The vice-chair of the community centre, Charlotte Cook, said: "We have also been awarded another £2,500 from the Newydd Community Grant to spend on more play and sports equipment for local families."

"Also, Sparkle and Shine window cleaners have chosen the community centre to receive a month's worth of free window cleaning."

"This is a huge boost for the area. We had an AGM in February and we have new committee members who have fantastic ideas."

"We have worked hard to apply for the funding and we are so pleased to be awarded the money."

"We will be running free play sessions open to all in the school holidays. We are looking for volunteers to help us. For more information we can be contacted via email stathancommunitycentre@outlook.com"

Calling young explorers!

A YOUNG Explorers Club event focusing on Key Stage (KS) 1 and 2 of the primary school syllabus takes place on Sunday, May 21 at 3.15pm in St Nicholas Community Hall, Barry.

At the event, a scene from the events of the Great Fire of London (KS1) will be acted out, and then part of an Iron Age round house will be created (KS2).

There will be a story about ancient Egypt with genuine artefacts (KS2). KS1 activities will include making a Victorian toy.

The event is suitable for ages five to 11 years old, although younger children are welcome, as are older brothers or sisters to help out.

The cost will be £5 per child (adults free). To book places, see: www.youngexplorersclubwales.weebly.com. KJ-L



20 years of WAY: Barry celebrates charity's anniversary

On Sunday, May 21, starting at noon, the charming beachfront of Barry Island will host a Big Picnic to celebrate the 20th anniversary of WAY, a peer-to-peer charity for people who have been widowed while still young.

One of 37 Big Picnics taking place around the UK, the event will see many young widows and widowers join family and friends as they get together for the charitable organisation, which has gone from strength to strength since its origins.

The charity, Widowed And Young (WAY), acts to provide a communal support to adults who have tragically been widowed under the age of 51, and Sunday's event, between beach huts 4 and 5, will acknowledge that bereavement, especially an untimely one, can leave sufferers feeling utterly crushed and isolated. Caroline was driven to change things and to create her own charity.

Juggling all this, while caring for her own young children, Caroline has seen her charity go from a meeting of 30 people in Cardiff in February 1997 to almost 3,000 members 20 years later.

Her work was made even more remarkable as there was no access to social media during the

Blacksmith's Arms hand cheque to Scouts



Olly Leonard, receiving a cheque from quiz-leader Sian Ward at the Blacksmith's Arms.

THE 1st Llanwit Major Scout Group is planning what it calls 'a summer of fun, challenge and adventure' because of a donation from The Blacksmith's Arms in Llanmaes.

A spokesperson said: "WAY will support any young person who is overcoming the loss of a partner – whether they were married or not, regardless of whether or not they had children, and of any sexual orientation."

"WAY is run by those widowed young themselves, allowing them to understand what members are going through within the supportive 'family'. And what's next for such a tremendous charity?"

"Caroline Sari has pledged that Widowed And Young aims to reach a membership of 20,000 by 2020, becoming an acclaimed national organisation."

"Selfless in her work, it will be this inspired awareness that will provide members with the supportive tools required to tackle the real battle ahead of them in their unfortunate position, and help others elsewhere."

The WAY Foundation can be contacted on www.widowedandyoung.org.uk.

Dinas Powys Art Group to exhibit

SUMMER is approaching, and so it's time for Dinas Powys Art Group to hold its annual exhibition.

This year it takes place on the weekend of June 10 and 11, from 10am till 4pm each day.

A spokesperson said: "The venue, Dinas Powys Parish Hall, is a lovely space with plenty of room to browse the artworks, and then relax in the refreshment area for tea, coffee and cakes."

"There will be an art table for visiting children to create their own masterpieces, usually involving lots of glitter."

"Visitors are always very impressed by the high standard and wide

variety of the paintings on display and they have the chance to vote for their favourite. As well as the general artwork, this year there will be a selection of images of Wales."

"Commission from sales is donated to a local charity and this year we will be buying computer software for a local child with disabilities."

Dinas Powys art group has 30 members who meet on either a Monday afternoon or Monday evening, with guidance from Barry artist, Glyn Pooley.

There will be an opportunity for anyone who wants to start painting to sign up to the waiting list at the exhibition.

"Visitors are always very impressed by the high standard and wide

Readers' Letters Extra

People are not 'receptors'

RECEPTOR is an organ or cell able to respond to light, heat or other stimulus.

This is the terminology that Biomass used in their submission to Natural Resources Wales when applying for a licence to operate an incinerator just a few hundred metres from a road, a railway station, council offices and thousands of homes.

There is already a high occurrence of asthma in the Barry area. These problems are a cause for concern with higher than average pollution levels.

Biomass proposes to emit more pollutants, both specified and unknown into the Barry atmosphere with scant regard to the 'receptors' of Barry and surrounding areas.

In other words, the people of Barry are the 'receptors'. You and your children are regarded as 'receptors' – guinea pigs as collateral

damage in the dash for grants and profit.

Politicians, councillors and public servants who voted for, abstained from, did not scrutinise properly or made excuses/passed the buck for this absurd plan to burn on the very edge of our beautiful town should hang their heads in shame and question their motives for seeking the 'receptors' support and trust.

You, the people of Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan must make your objections known. We are human beings, not 'receptors'.

Voice your concern directly to Natural Resources Wales: quote the application reference number PAN-000869 and send them into the Regulated Industry Permitting Team Leader, Natural Resources Wales, Cambria House, 29 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF24 0TP or email to permittingconsultations@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

LOCAL ELECTION 'THANK YOU'

FOLLOWING the results of the local elections we would like to thank the good people of Gibbonsdown and Colcot for electing us to represent them on the Vale

We will do our best to serve all the people of the ward. Anyone is free to contact us with any problems or concerns they may have.

Cousins Margaret Wilkinson, Julie Aviet and Jack Hawkins.

'Legoland in Barry' believes GEM reader

CAN anybody tell me about the architects who designed these estates in Barry, for example, Dunlin Court ('Legoland') and now the waterfront by Asda?

I would not be

surprised if the houses were built inside the Asda car park – talk about cramming them in. Haven't these architects got any pride?

When I asked the builders about the quality of work and the design, they just shook their heads.

Nigel Lloyd, Barry.

ALL PRAISE THE NHS'

UNFORTUNATELY, my wife and I met with a road traffic accident in the Vale recently.

Within less than five minutes of a telephone call, a paramedic was on the scene. He showed great compassion and care for our situation.

Due to legal proceedings, I cannot disclose any further details.

Name and address supplied.

Encouraging start to new season for the Vale Cricket Club

VALE Cricket Club has got off to an encouraging start over the first two competitive weekends of the 2017 season.

The first XI narrowly lost the season opener off the last ball and bounced back last weekend to claim a win, while the second XI sit at the top of their league after two victories.

Playing first away against Crumlin, the firsts were put into bat.

After a tricky start that saw the loss of skipper JP Davies and opening partner JJ Davies (20) early on, Ben Horton (31) and debutant Alex Davidson (57) steadied the innings, which allowed Scott McCutcheon (40*) and Joe Hodges (50) to rip at the end, Vale finishing on 244 for 7.

Ieuan Veall took 4-27 for the home team. After the loss of early wickets Crumlin proceeded steadily through Hopkins (79) and the excellent Simon Veall (93).

Their dismissals gave hope, but big hitting from Ieuan Veall (26*) hit the winning runs off the last ball of the match.

At home, the seconds' were put in and scored 201 for 7, largely through the efforts of Paul Sheppard (69), Matthew Thomas (39) and a swift 27 not out from Greg Andrews.

Consistently good bowling from Andrews, Alex Upham, Chris

WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE?

Alzheimer's Society fundraiser

COME and join us on Monday, June 22 from 10.30 - 12pm at Restway Gardens (top of Newcastle Hill) Bridgend (CF31 4HY) for our Open Day.

Have fun and help us raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

There will be tea, coffee, cakes and crafts on sale and all profits will go directly to the Alzheimer's Society.

We also have a singer attending, so dancing and singing is a must!

Author Alison Weir speaks

THERE are a few tickets remaining for an evening with Alison Weir, historian and author of highly acclaimed biographies of Elizabeth I and Eleanor of Aquitaine, amongst others.

Alison will be talking about the second in her series of novels on the

GORCHYMYN DARGYFEIRIO LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS 2017 (GWAHARD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 7) 2017

1. Hysbysir trwy hyn bod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adraniau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddif Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddif Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, yn bwriadu gwneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gosod mannau parcio i bobl anbl yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 1 ac yn gwaredu'r mannau parcio i bobl anbl yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 ac yn gosod cyfyngiadau parcio yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodleni 3, 4 a 5 isod.

2. Mae modd gweld miliyonau llawn y cynigion hyn yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau gwaith arferol a rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwnebiadau a llai fod gennych i'r cynigion hwn i Gyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyl.IF822) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 9 Mehefin 2017 a rhaid cynwys eich rhesymau dros wrthwnebu.

3. Hysbysir pobl sy'n gwthwnebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig fod cyfrifoldeb cyfreithiol ar y Cyngor hwn, yn sgl Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Mynediad at Wybodaeth 1985, i gyflwyno unrhyw sylwadau a dderbynir mewn ymateb i'r Gorchymyn a gynigir yn aghored i'w harchwilio gan y cyhoedd. Dwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol fel a ganlyn:

**Gorchymyn (Gorfod Sifil) GWAHARD a Chyfyngu
Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio 2013**

ATODLEN 1

Mewnosod Map o Ddeddf Personau Anabl Manau Parcio Arfaethedig Dunlin Court, Y Barri (AW52)

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell adeilad y gogledd-ddwyrain rhifau 65 i 68 tua'r de-orllewin am 3.6 metr.

Everard Street, Y Barri (30) (AU53)

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o linell fin eiddo rhif 28 a 30 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Gladstone Road, Y Barri (148) (AV51)

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o linell fin eiddo rhifau 146 a 148 tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 5.5 metr.

Kendrick Road, Y Barri (8) (AW51)

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o linell fin eiddo rhifau 6 ac 8 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Kingsland Crescent, Y Barri (51) (AW52)

Ar ochr y gorllewin o linell fin eiddo rhifau 49 a 51 tua'r gogledd am 5 metr.

Plymouth Road, Y Barri (29) (AZ51)

Ar ochr y gorllewin o linell fin eiddo rhifau 28 a 29 tua'r gorllewin am 6 metr.

Salisbury Road, Y Barri (52) (AX49)

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o linell fin eiddo rhifau 50 a 52 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Vale Street, Y Barri (AT49)

Ar ochr y gogledd o bwnt tua 6 metr i'r gorllewin o'r gyffordd a Park Crescent, tua'r gorllewin am 12 metr.

Arctot Street, Penarth (46) (AJ64)

Ar ochr y dwyrain o linell fin eiddo rhifau 45 a 46 tua'r de am 5.5 metr.

John Street, Penarth (25) (AI65)

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell fin eiddo rhifau 24 a 25 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.5 metr.

ATODLEN 2

Mewnosod Map o'r Dileu Arfaethedig Pobl Anabl Man Parcio

Court Road, Y Barri (57) (AU52)

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell fin eiddo rhifau 55 a 57 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Romilly Road, Y Barri (32) (AU49)

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell fin eiddo rhifau 31a a 32 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 6.5 metr.

Heol yr Orsaf, Y Barri (73) (AW52)

Ar ochr y de-orllewin o linell fin eiddo rhifau 71 a 73 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.7 metr.

Woodlands Road, Y Barri (61) (AU52)

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o linell fin eiddo rhifau 59 a 61 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 6 metr.

Hewell Street, Penarth (5) (AI63)

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell fin eiddo rhifau 5 a 6 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 4.9 metr.

Plassey Street, Penarth (71) (AJ65)

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o bwnt tua 25 metr i'r gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd ag Albert Road, tua'r gorllewin am 6.6 metr.

ATODLEN 3

Mewnosod Map of Arfaethedig Limited Mon Aros i Sadwrn 08:00-6:00 2 awr dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr ac eithrio deiliad trwyddedau preswyd.

Court Road, Y Barri (57) (AU52)

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell fin eiddo rhifau 55 a 57 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Woodlands Road, Y Barri (61) (AU52)

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o linell fin eiddo rhifau 59 a 61 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 6 metr.

ATODLEN 4

Mewnosod Map of Preswyd Arfaethedig Dim ond Man Parcio Llun i ddydd Sadwrn 8 y bore i 6.30pm.

Plassey Street, Penarth (71) (AJ65)

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o bwnt tua 25 metr i'r gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd ag Albert Road, tua'r gorllewin am 6.6 metr.

ATODLEN 5

Mewnosod Map o Dirymu Arfaethedig Dydd Llun Aros Cyfyngedig i Sadwrn 08:00-6:00 2 awr dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr ac eithrio deiliad trwyddedau preswyd

Kendrick Road, Y Barri (8) (AW51)

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell fin eiddo rhifau 6 a 8 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Dyddiedig 18 Mai 2017

M. E. Punter,

Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai Cyngor

Bro Morgannwg

The Alps, Gwernfô.

CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 7) ORDER 2017

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to install the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in Schedule 1 and remove the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in Schedule 2 and install the parking restrictions at the locations specified in Schedules 3,4&5 below.

2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment & Housing (Ref.IF822) in writing by 9th June 2017 and must contain the grounds upon which you object. 3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:
Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Insert Map of the Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places Dunlin Court, Barry (AW52)

On the north west side from the north eastern building line of property numbers 65 to 68 in a south westerly direction for 3.6 metres.

Everard Street, Barry (30) (AU53)

On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 28 and 30 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Gladstone Road, Barry (148) (AV51)

On the south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 146 and 148 in a north easterly direction for a distance of 5.5 metres.

Kendrick Road, Barry (8) (AW51)

On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 6 and 8 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Kingsland Crescent, Barry (51) (AW52)

On the west side from the boundary line of property numbers 49 and 51 in a northerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Plymouth Road, Barry (29) (AZ51)

On the north side from the boundary line of property numbers 28 and 29 in a westerly direction for a distance of 6 metres.

Salisbury Road, Barry (52) (AX49)

On the south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 50 and 52 in a north easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Vale Street, Barry (AT49)

On the north east side from a point approximately 6 metres west of the junction with Park Crescent, in a westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres.

Arctot Street, Penarth (46) (AJ64)

On the east side from the boundary line of property numbers 45 and 46 in a southerly direction for a distance of 5.5 metres.

John Street, Penarth (25) (AI65)

On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 24 and 25 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5.5 metres.

SCHEDULE 2

Insert Map of the Proposed Removal of Disabled Persons Parking Places

Court Road, Barry (57) (AU52)

On the north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 55 and 57 in a north easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Romilly Road, Barry (32) (AX49)

On the north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 31a and 32 in a north easterly direction for 6.5 metres.

Station Street, Barry (73) (AW52)

On the south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 71 and 73 in a north westerly direction for 5.7 metres.

Woodlands Road, Barry (61) (AU52)

On the south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 59 and 61 in a south westerly direction for 6 metres.

Hewell Street, Penarth (5) (AI63)

On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 5 and 6 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 4.9 metres.

Plassey Street, Penarth (71) (AJ65)

On the north east side from a point 25 metres north west of its junction with Albert Road in a north westerly direction for a distance of 6.6 metres.

SCHEDULE 3

Insert Map of Proposed Limited Waiting Mon to Saturday 8am to 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except resident permit holders.

Court Road, Barry (57) (AU52)

On the north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 55 and 57 in a north easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Woodlands Road, Barry (61) (AU52)

On the south east side from the boundary line of property numbers 59 and 61 in a south westerly direction for 6 metres.

SCHEDULE 4

Insert Map of Proposed Resident Only Parking Place Mon to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm.

Plassey Street, Penarth (71) (AJ65)

On the north east side from a point 25 metres north west of its junction with Albert Road in a north westerly direction for a distance of 6.6 metres.

SCHEDULE 5

Insert Map of Proposed Revocation of Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except resident permit holders

Kendrick Road, Barry (8) (AW51)

On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 6 and 8 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Dated this 18th day of May 2017

M. E. Punter,

Director of Environment & Housing

Vale of Glamorgan Council,

The Alps, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.



Mixed open held at Wenvoe Castle



Colin and Sandra Champ receiving their prizes from lady captain Helen Hughes (centre).



Runners-up Meirion Evans and Sheila Morrow receiving their prizes from lady captain Helen Hughes (centre).

THE first Mixed Open competition at Wenvoe Castle attracted a large entry from golf clubs far and wide and played in a mix of sunshine and showers.

The course was in superb condition and players really appreciated the efforts of the green staff to present the course to such a high standard so early in the golfing season.

The advantage to home players was offset by separate prizes awarded to visiting pairs together with a prize for any hole completed in just two strokes.

The search for a two proved particularly difficult

and Ruth Stock from St Pierre was the sole winner and reaped a huge prize of 36 balls.

The winning visitors were Luke Davison and Sian Smith from neighbouring Dinas Powys Golf Club who scored an excellent 40 points.

They just beat fellow club members Steve and Ruth Yates who picked up second prize with 38 points.

Colin and Sandra Champ secured the top score for Wenvoe Castle members with an impressive 40 points just ahead of Meirion Evans and Sheila Morrow who were close behind with 38 points.

Lady captain Helen Hughes presented the prizes and thanked club members and visitors for

supporting the competition and paid compliments to the green staff for the excellent condition of the course.

The efforts of the bar and catering staff were appreciated throughout a long and busy day together with the ladies section who helped with starters on the first tee, administration at reception and welcome refreshments at the Half Way House.

A great competition which will be repeated later in the year and full details can be found on the club website together with opportunities for membership and special offers to play the course.

BJ

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

GORCHYMYN TRAFFIG ARBROFOL 2017 (CYFNGIAD PARCIO HEOL HOLLTWN, Y BARRI) CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

Ar 17th Mai 2017 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bweriau dan Adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Atodienn 9 Ddedf Rheoleiddig Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Ddedf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bweriau galluogu eraill. Orchymyn a fydd yn gweud yr hyn a ddisgrifir isod.

Bydd effaith y Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol, a ddaw i rym ar 22 Mai 2017, neu ar y dyddiad y bydd yr arwyddion a'r marciau ffyrdd priodol yn eu lle, yn cael eu hamlinedu yn yr Atodienni isod ar hyd y cynod.

Y rheswm dros wneud Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol yw i asesu effaith y cyfngiadau parcio a'r gynnod prawf cyn ystyried a ddyliad gwneud darpariaethau'r Gorchymyn yn barhau.

Gelli archwilio copi o'r Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol, map yn dangos ei effeithiau, datganiad am y rhesymau y gwnaeth y Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol am y cynod y mae mewn grwm; yn swyddfeidd y rhai sydd wedi arwyddo isod, ac yn y Swyddfeidd Dinesig, Y Barri yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Mae modd i'r darpariaethau arbrofol barhau mewn grwm am gyfnod prawf o fwyafswm o 18 mis cyn y rhoi ystyriaeth i Orchymyn parhaol. O fewn 6 mis i'r Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol yn dod i rym gall unrhyw unigolyn wrthwnebu Orchymyn parhaol. Dylai unrhyw wrthwnebiad fod yn ysgrifennu'r rhoi'r rhesymau paru a'i gyfeirio at y Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai (yf IF832) yn y cyfeiriad isod.

Gwahoddwr unrhyw sylwadau sy'n cefnogi'r Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol hefyd i'r ystod y cynod hwn. Gall unrhyw unigolyn sydd am gwestiynu dilysrywedd y Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol neu unrhyw un o'i ddarpariaethau ar y sail nad yw o fewn pwrwrau'r Ddeddf galluogi berthnasol, neu nad oes cydymffurfio wedi bod a gofynion unrhyw Ddeddf galluogi debyg, neu unrhyw reoliadau perthnasol, o fewn chwech wythnos i'r dyddiad y gwnaeth y Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol, wneud cais i'r perwyl hwn i'r Uchel Lys.

ATODLEN

Atodienni Map AV52, AV51, AW51

Gwariant arfaethedig i'r mannau aros cyfyngedig a'r mannau llwytho a rennir.

Heol Holltwn

Heol Holltwn i gyd o'i gyffordd a Tynewydd Road i gyfeiriad y de-orllewin am tua 350 metr, gan gynnwys y pump man parcio presennol mewn cillfannau a rennir, fel y gwelir ar y cynllun atodiogedig.

Diddymu llwytho a rennir yn unig (6am - hanner dydd) i aros cyfyngedig yn unig (2 awr, dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr) 8am - 6pm

Man llwytho rhif. 2, gyferbyn â Wilkinsons, rhwng ffiniau eiddo 74 - 82.

Man llwytho rhif. 4, i'r de o gyffordd Thompson Street rhwng ffiniau eiddo 38 - 46

Man llwytho rhif. 5 i'r goledd o Beryl Road, rhwng ffiniau eiddo 14 - 24.

Newid i amseroedd presennol llwytho yn unig (6am - hanner dydd) i 6am - 10:30am.

Man llwytho rhif 1, i'r de o gyffordd Tynewydd Road rhwng ffiniau eiddo 89 - 99.

Man llwytho rhif. 3 ochr ddeheul cyffordd Heol Holltwn rhwng ffiniau eiddo 50 - 60

Dyddiedig 18 Mai 2017

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
Yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (HOLTON ROAD BARRY PARKING RESTRICTION) EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDER 2017

On the 17th May 2017 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

The effect of the Experimental Traffic Order, which shall come into operation on the 22nd May 2017, or on the date that the appropriate road signs and markings are in place, will be as outlined in the Schedules below for its duration

The reason for proceeding by way of an Experimental Traffic Order is to assess the effects of the parking restrictions for a trial period before consideration is given to whether the provisions of the Experimental Traffic Order should be made permanent.

A copy of the Experimental Traffic Order, a map showing its effects, a statement of the reasons for having made the Experimental Traffic Order for its duration, may be inspected at the offices of the undersigned, and at the Civic Offices, Barry during normal office hours.

The experimental provisions can continue in force for a maximum of 18 months trial period before a permanent Order is considered. Within a period of 6 months from the coming into operation of the Experimental Traffic Order any person may object to the making of a permanent Order. Any objection should be in writing, giving the grounds on which it is made and be addressed to the Director of Environment and Housing (Ref IF832) at the address given below.

Any comments in support of the Experimental Traffic Order are also invited during this period. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Experimental Traffic Order or any of its provisions on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that a requirement of any such enabling Act or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Experimental Traffic Order was made, make application for this purpose to the High Court.

SCHEDULE

Map Schedules AV52, AV51, AW51

Proposed amendment to shared use loading and limited waiting bays. Holton Road

The length of Holton Road from its junction with Tynewydd Road in a south westerly direction for approximately 350 metres, covering all five existing shared use layby parking bays, as shown on the attached plan

Revocation of shared use loading only (6am - 12 midday) to become limited waiting only (2 hours, no return in 2 hours) 8am - 6pm

Loading bay no. 2, opposite Wilkinsons, between property boundaries 74 - 82.

Loading bay no. 4 south of Thompson Street junction between properties 38 - 46

Loading bay no. 5 north of Beryl Road, between property boundaries 14 - 24.

Alteration to existing loading only times (6am - 12 midday) to become 6am - 10:30am.

Loading bay no 1, south of Tynewydd Road junction between properties 89 - 99.

Loading bay no. 3 south side of Holton Road junction between properties 50 - 60

Dated the 18th day of May 2017

M. E. Punter
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA..



ON AND OFF THE TURF
with Brian Lee

Six races, 115 horses and a thrilling afternoon's racing in prospect

THE South Wales and Monmouthshire season comes to an end at picturesque Lower Machen on Saturday, and with 115 horses entered for the six races, an exciting afternoon's racing is promised.

Racing gets under way with the Hunt Members' race at 2pm and trainer Nick Williams holds the key to this race as his recent course winners *Massini's Dream* and *Ruperra Tom* are both entered.

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Vale of Glamorgan Football League wraps up for another season



AFTER starting back in August 2016, a rain-ravaged Buttrills playing field saw the final game of the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League take place on Monday, May 15 with the completion of the Year 10 league.

The two cup finalists - Sully Sports Reds and Barry Athletic - met again to determine this time who would be the league winner.

A closely-fought match didn't produce any goals meaning the 0-0 result was enough for Sully Sports Reds to

win the Year 10 league shield with Barry Athletic coming runners-up.

The full results of the Vale of Glamorgan League winners and runners up are as follows:

Seniors - Barry Cup:

winners:

Vale United, runners-up - AFC Rhoose; Brian Riseborough Golden Boot man of the match award - Joe Williams; Premier League, League & ASRS Cup winners - Vale United, league runners-up - AFC Rhoose, ASRS Cup runners-up - Cowbridge Town FC.

Junior - Year 11

league winners Cogan Coronation Juniors FC; Junior Cup winners and league runners-up - Barry Athletic FC; Junior Cup runners-up - Sully Sports FC.

Year 10 league and Steve Williams Trophy

winners - Sully Sports Reds; league and Steve Williams Trophy

runners-up - Barry

Athletic FC.

Year 9 league, Harry

Graffon Trophy and SWFA Year 14 winners - Barry Town United FC; league and Harry

Graffon Trophy

runners-up - Dinas

Powys Wolves.

Year 8 league

winners - Porthkerry Panthers FC; Billy

Billy Trophy winners and league runners-up - Cowbridge Town Reds; Billy Butlin Trophy runners-up - Sully Sports Scorpions.

Year 7 league and Brian Riseborough

Memorial Trophy

winners - Cowbridge Town Reds; league runners-up - Sully Sports Blacks; Brian Riseborough Memorial Trophy runners-up - Cowbridge Town Blacks.

The Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League Committee would like to congratulate all winners and runners up across all trophies and leagues as well as the presentation parties.

The league will also like to thank all players, managers, coaches, supporters and club officials for their participation in another completed season.

A reminder to all clubs that the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League AGM will take place on Monday, June 19 at the Sea View Labour Club starting at 7.15pm. MD

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

GORCHYMYN CAU FFORDD DROS DRO, ADRAN 16A. DEDDF RHEOLEIDDIO TRAFFIC FFORDD 1984.

CYNGHRAIR Y PENCAMPWYR UEFA FFEINAL PÊL-DROED DYDD SADWRN 3 MEHEFIN 2017

Gorchymyn Dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffrydd 1984
Er mwyn atal rhwystro ac ati

RHODDIR RHYBUDD TRWY HYN bod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wedi gwneud gorchymyn dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffrydd 1984 fel a ganlyn:

DRWY HYN, yn ystod oriau penodol o'r diwrnod ac ar y dyddiad a nodir yng ngholofn 1 yr Atodlen caiff y strydeodd neu'r rhannau o'r strydeodd a nodir yng ngholofn 2 yr Atodlen honno eu defnyddio i gynnal digwyddiad perthnasol fel y disgrifir yn Adran 16A(2)(c) Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffrydd 1984, mae'r Cyngor, yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyferni iddo dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffrydd 1984, yn **GORCHYMYN AC YN CYFARWYDDO**, er mwyn hwyluso'r gwaith o gynnal y digwyddiad, a lleihau unrhyw effaith ar draffig a achosir gan y digwyddiad, cydymffurfiaeth â'r rheoliad canlynol:

Y CAIFF, onid fel y darperir gan y gorchymyn, y strydeodd dywedig neu ranau phonynt eu cau i'r holl draffig cerbydau, gan gynnwys beicio pedal (Ac Eithrio mynediad) rhwng yr oriau a nodir yng ngholofn 3 yr atodlen. Y gosb am beidio â chydymffurfio â'r rheoliad a enwir fydd dirwy ond £1000.00

Atodiad

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn 3
Dydd Gwener 2 Mehefin 2017 tan	Tredogan Road, Y Rhws, rhwng y gyffordd â B4265 - Ffordd Osgoi'r Rhws hyd at y gyffordd â Port Road.	O 15:30 dydd Gwener 2 Mehefin 2017
ddydd Gwener 5 Mehefin 2017	Ffordd Fynediad y Dwyrain, Maes Awyr Caerdydd tua'r gogledd-orllewin o'r fynedfa i adeilad Coleg y Barri ym man cyfeirnod 307116 167735.	tan 06:30 ar ddydd Llun 5 Mehefin 2017.
	Rhoose Road, Y Rhws, ar ei hyd.	

Dyddiedig 18 Mai 2017

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thaith
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
Yr Alpau, Gwenfô CF5 6AA



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FOOTBALL FINAL SATURDAY 3rd JUNE 2017

Order Under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

For the prevention of obstruction etc

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used in connection with of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(2)(c) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic, including pedal cycles (Except for Access) between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00

Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 2nd June 2017 until	Tredogan Road, Rhoose between its junction with the B4265 - Rhoose By-Pass and continuing to its junction with Port Road	From 15.30Hrs on Friday 2nd June 2017
Monday 5th June 2017	Cardiff Airport Access Road East , to the northwest of the access to the Barry College building at grid 307116 167735 Rhoose Road, Rhoose throughout its length	Until 06.30Hrs on Monday 5th June 2017.

Dated this 18th day of May 2017

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps Wenvoe CF5 6AA



BDO Darts comes to the Barry Memorial Hall

THE British Darts Organisation will be holding the fourth edition of the BDO World Trophy at Barry Memorial Hall from Friday, May 26 through to Monday, May 29.

With top men's and women's darts players in action, it promises to be a thrilling event - tickets are available from memorialhalltheatre.ticketsolve.com/shows/873573926.

Bridge results RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for May 15:

1st John Beard & Bill Turner 65.81%, 2nd Barrie Waite & Su Summerhayes 61.65%, 3rd Vida Halford & Glyn Williams 59.11%.

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Barry and Vale Scouts go camping



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (GWAHARD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 3) 2017

1. Ar 12 Mai 2017 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adrannau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV o Atoden 9 o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 o Ddeddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill Orchymyn a ddisgrifir isod:

2. Bydd y Gorchymyn yr dod i rym ar 22 Mai 2017 neu ar y dyddiadau y mae'r arwyddion a'r marciau ffodd mewn lle p'un bynnag sydd hwyaf ac fe'i gelwir yn "Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahard a Chyfngu Llefydd Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygiad) (Rhif 3) 2017"

3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynlluniau sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd yr effeithir arnyd yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

4. Os ydych am gwestiynu diliwsrwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau ar y sail nad ydnt yn unol â'r perwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chydymffurfwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas a'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwé wythnos o 22 Mai 2017, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

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ATODLEN

Cynlluniau Arfaethedig i Wahoedd Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg

Pencoedtre Lane, y Barri – Map AO53

Ar y ddwy ochr o fan sydd 15 metr i'r de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Port Road, i'r de-ddwyrain am 88 metr.

Golwg Y Coed y Barri – Map AO53

Ar y ddwy ochr o'r gyffordd â Pencoedtre Lane i'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 10 metr.

Y Rhodfa, y Barri – Mynediad Gorllewinol – Map AX51 a AX52

Ar ddwy ochr y ffodd o fan sydd tua 15 metr i'r de o'r gyffordd â Ffordd y Mileniwm, i'r de am tua 50 metr.

Y Rhodfa, y Barri – Mynediad Dwyreiniol – Map AX51 a AX52

Ar ddwy ochr y ffodd o fan sydd tua 15 metr i'r de o'r gyffordd â Ffordd y Mileniwm, i'r de am tua 50 metr.

Castle Drive, Dinas Powys – Map AL60

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o fan sydd tua 25 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Murch Road, i'r gogledd-orllewin am tua 20 metr, gan ymestyn ardal y Gwaharddiad Aros Unrhyw Amser.

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o fan sydd tua 10 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r Gyffordd â St Donats Close, i'r gogledd-ddwyrain am tua 28 metr, ar hyd y Gwaharddiad Aros Unrhyw Amser.

Lôn ddienni i'r ardal barcio y tu ôl i "The Parade",
Dinas Powys – Map AL60

Ar ddwy ochr cyffordd Castle Drive, i'r de-orllewin am 10 metr.

Cynlluniau Arfaethedig i Ddiddymu Gwaharddiad Aros Ar Unrhyw Adeg

St Nicholas Road, Y Barri – Map AY49 and AZ49

Diddymu'r Gorchymyn gwaharddi aros ar unrhyw adeg o'r dŵr ym Môr y Ffin eiddo rhif 33 a 35 i'r de hyd at ffin eiddo Rhif 2 a 3 The Mews am 58 metr.

Dyddiad: 18 Mai 2017

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, The Alps,
Gwenfôr CF5 6AA



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES)

(CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 3) ORDER 2017

1. On the 12th May 2017 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 22nd May 2017 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 3) Order 2017"

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 22nd May 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time

Pencoedtre Lane Barry – Map AO53

On both sides from a point 15 metres south east of the junction with Port Road, in a south easterly direction for 88 metres.

Golwg Y Coed Barry – Map AO53

On both sides from the junction with Pencoedtre Lane in a north easterly direction for 10 metres.

Y Rhodfa Barry – Western Access – Map AX51 & AX52

On both sides of the road from a point approximately 15 metres south of the Junction with Ffordd Y Milenium, in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 50 metres.

Y Rhodfa Barry – Eastern Access – Map AX51 & AX52

On both sides of the road from a point approximately 15 metres south of the Junction with Ffordd Y Milenium, in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 50 metres.

Castle Drive Dinas Powys – Map AL60

On the north western side from a point approximately 25 metres north east of the junction with Murch Road, in a north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 20 metres, contiguous with the existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time restriction.

On the north western side, from a point 10 metres north east of the junction with St Donats Close, in a north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 28 metres, contiguous with the existing Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time restriction.

Unnamed lane that serves the car parking area to the rear of "The Parade" Dinas Powys – Map AL60

On both sides from the junction of Castle Drive, in a south westerly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

Proposed Revocation of Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time

St Nicholas Road Barry – Map AY49 and AZ49

Revoke the existing prohibition of waiting at any time Order on the eastern side from the boundary of properties No's 33 and 35 in a southerly direction to the boundary of properties No's 2 and 3 The Mews for a distance of 58 metres.

Dated this 18th day of May 2017

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
Wenvoe CF5 6AA



TIR A MÔR (Barry and Vale) Scout District held its first ever district camp recently.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and

Explorers had a bank holiday adventure,

enjoying 40 different activities all planned and managed by a team of 65 adult volunteers.

The Scouts didn't need to go far to begin their adventure, the group camped in local school grounds, St Cyres, Penarth. The camp was held so the youngsters could experience adventure outdoors away from home and to have lots of fun with their friends learning new and exciting skills from many challenges.

The weekend was action-packed from the Friday night to the Monday afternoon where the youngsters took part in a range of activities including climbing, inflatables, laser tag, sumo-wrestling, archery, outdoor cooking, fire lighting, team sports, driving a car, go-carts, Penmark, 1st Llanwit team games and crafts.

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Youth theatre brings Annie to Porthcawl



Photos taken in rehearsal as the cast prepare to go on stage.

Fresh from the success of productions such as "The Vackees" and "Fiddler on the Roof", the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) is back with their production of *Annie Jr.*

It is based upon the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie", with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charmin, and book by Thomas Meehan.

Set in the 1930s, Annie is a fiery young orphan girl living in a miserable orphanage run by the tyrannical Miss Hannigan.

Her heart-wrenching situation changes dramatically when she meets the wealthy munitions industrialist, Oliver Warbucks. The musical includes songs 'Tomorrow' and 'It's the Hard Knock Life' among its most popular musical numbers.

The BYT's artistic



director, Roger Burnell, BYT is an established award-winning theatre company, which as won several BAFTAs through its partnership with It's My Shoot Productions Ltd. The youth group offers many experiences in theatre, film and television and most recently dance.

Through such experiences, it is easy to see why many 'B.Y.T' graduates go on to work in the industry on a regular basis.

The show is at Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion on Friday, June 2, 2.30pm and 7.30pm, and on Saturday, June 3 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

The box office is 01656 815995 or visit www.grandpavilion.co.uk

Entering its 19th year,

Bridgend Scout going to Iceland in July

Lewis Murray from Bridgend, will represent UK at the World Scouting event in Iceland.

LEWIS MURRAY from Bridgend will, with others, represent the UK at the 15th World Scout Moot in Iceland. For Lewis the World Scout Moot is an incredible once-in-a-life time opportunity.

The World Scout Moot is a gathering of Scouts aged 18-25 from across the globe. The Moot will be held in the dramatic landscape of Iceland from July 25 to August 2. The UK contingent

will comprise 500 people of a total of 5,000 Scouts from 80 countries joining to embark on nine days of what is described as "adventure, fun and discovery".

Those taking part will stay at the National Scout Center on the banks of Lake Úlfhjótsvatn, meeting people from across the world. Excursions to Geysir and the waterfalls of Gullfoss are planned.

Lewis said: "I was looking for a personal challenge and the World Scout Moot looked amazing. It's going to be an individual adventure like no other."



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Healthcare staff mark the nurses' special day

FROM cakes to choirs and specialists to smiling staff celebrations, teams across ABMU turned out in force to mark International Nurses' Day.

The annual event held on May 12, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth, aims to mark the contribution that nurses make to society.

At hospitals across ABMU, staff took part in a variety of events to congratulate and celebrate their nursing achievements.

Nurses on the children's wards at Morriston and Princess of Wales Hospitals took this year's theme of nurse heroes to heart, sporting superhero masks and posing for photos, to the delight of their patients.

At Singleton, Princess of Wales and Morriston, there were musical contributions to entertain staff and visitors while Neath Port Talbot Hospital hosted a cake stall and special display in the foyer.

Director of Nursing Rory Farrelly said: "International Nurses' Day gives us all the opportunity to pause, look back and remember why we entered the nursing profession.

"For our younger

PORTHCAWL CALL-OUT FOR PROMISING PERFORMERS

Attention to all young actors!

The multi-talented creative organisation It's My Show Ltd will be bringing one of its professional casting workshops to Porthcawl next week.

The company, who are supported by the Arts Council of Wales with media connections such as BBC Wales and S4C, will be holding its workshop at Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion on May 23, taking place between 7pm and 9pm.

Young actors chosen could be cast in one of It's My Show's series of short films that will be filmed during the summer holidays and broadcast later this year on BBC Wales.

For further information, visit www.itsmyshow.co.uk for details on the event.

Pension campaigners say general election is 'chance to make their voice heard'

THE general election is a key opportunity for local women to highlight pension inequality affecting women in their 60s, a local campaigner has told The GEM.

Kay Clarke, who lives in Barry, is one of the regional administrators of the WASPI action group - 'Women Against State Pension Inequality'.

Members are campaigning against what they argue are unfair changes to the state pension age for women born on or after April 6, 1951.

Many women paid tax and national insurance on the understanding that they would start getting a pension at the age of 60, only to face a wait of further years - in Kay's case six.

Kay explained: "We ladies of a certain age have been badly hit by the lack of fair transitional



Kay Clarke.

arrangements for the receipt of our pension.

"The general election is an opportunity for women in Barry and the rest of the Vale to find out what local

candidates think about the issue and what they would like to see done."

Two months ago, on the day of the Budget, March 8, Kay dressed up as a suffragette and along with thousands of other women from across Britain protested at the Houses of Parliament.

A WASPI

spokeswoman said the organisation welcomed Theresa May's decision to call a general election on June 8, pointing out it would give women who feel they have been treated unfairly, a chance to make their voice heard.

"This date will provide the perfect opportunity for those affected by the speed of changes in the female state pension age to make their views known at the ballot box.

"The official WASPI campaign remains politically independent, having garnered support from MPs representing all parties.

"Nevertheless, we and our supporters will be lobbying hard to ensure that parliamentary candidates remain mindful and supportive of our campaign and the votes of millions of women affected by this injustice."

For women interested in the campaign, the website is: www.waspi.co.uk.

Barry & Vale Jazz and Blues Festival

BARRY & Vale Jazz & Blues Festival kicks off tomorrow night, Friday, May 19, at Barry Yacht Club.

The concept of a jazz festival in the town goes back to the summer of 2014.

One of the organisers, local photographer Gemma Collard, explained: "A group of like-minded folk came together with a love of live music and the Barry and Vale community and the weekend was born.

We wanted to bring a 'variety genre' music festival that was free for everyone in the area to attend."

Continuing at the yacht club, there's a night of vintage swing with the Reverend DJ Dai Hep. Enjoy the music, tap your toes or get on your dancing shoes. Last year people danced into the wee hours.

Saturday, May 20: 11:30am - Soho Sopranos with Jazz in the Park, flute and saxophone live from Victoria Park's bandstand. It's a family event and will last two hours.

3pm - The Jake Leg Jug Band bring you the authentic sounds of 1920s and 1930s America - jazz, blues,

gospel, ragtime - and put their own twist on it, live at the Cwm Talwg Pub. 6pm - Stay at the Cwm Talwg Pub for and evening with Chris Quinn, solo acoustic guitar singer songwriter. Chris has been receiving glowing reviews across the UK for his sell-out shows.

Sunday May 21: 1pm - Coffee Cove hosts a quintet made up of some of south Wales' most acclaimed musicians who between them, have performed and recorded with many of the leading figures in British jazz. They will be drawing heavily on the cool West Coast sound of the '50s & '60s. 3pm - Stay at Coffee Cove, for the finale of the third annual Barry & Vale Jazz & Blues with the rousing Plucking Fourstrings, a collective of local ukulele enthusiasts with their jazz and blues set.

Y Bont cheque

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Gareth continued: "As well as raising money for the charity, we've helped them raise awareness and grow their network of donors so they can continue to do more great work." We're so proud that through the kindness of our listeners we can help put a smile on the faces of kids in our community."

Mags continued: "It costs more than £300,000 each year to provide Y Bont's key services. The ongoing challenge to raise these funds is relentless and so this fantastic amount will make a huge difference to us. Through this funding we'll be able to help and support as many children and families as possible."

"We're over the moon about the difference we can make in 2017 and beyond."

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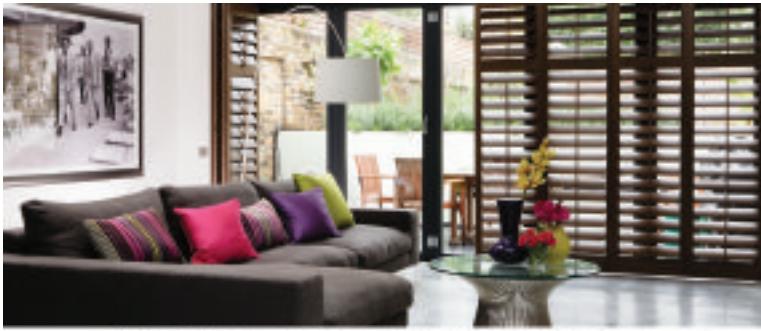
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Family Notices

JEFFERIES

Diane

Peacefully after a short illness on May 12th at the University of Wales, Cardiff, Diane of Heol Pantycelyn, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of Derek, much loved mum of Steve, Phill and Becky, mother-in-law of Barbara, Gail and Andy. Adored nan to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren, loving sister of Caroline, Glyn and the late Arthur.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service in the chapel on Tuesday, May 23rd at 2pm, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Research Wales.

BURDGE

Thomas Laurence (Laurie)

Suddenly passed away at Llandough Hospital on Thursday, 11 May. Laurie will be sadly missed by his devoted wife Margot and their children Tessa, Andrew and Peter and their loving grandchildren.

Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Dinas Powis on Tuesday, 23 May at 11am, followed by interment at Lower Penarth Cemetery. Family flowers only.

WALKER

Audrey May

Peacefully passed away in the early hours of Friday morning, 12th May at Llandough Hospital at the age of 88. Much loved mum of David, Bryan, Jacqueline, Robert and Sally-Anne. Adored and loved grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother. Will be sadly missed by all.

Funeral service at 1pm on Wednesday, 31st May at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired for Llandough Hospital will be collected on the day.

MITCHELL

Barbara Mary (née Ellis)

Peacefully on Sunday, May 7th at the University of Wales Cardiff, Barbara of Woodham Park, Barry. Much loved wife of the late Matty, cherished and much loved mum of Paul, Nicci, Marc, mother-in-law of Lisa, also a very special nan to all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Loving sister of Alan and the late Ronald, Albert, Jimmy, John and Leslie.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her reception into St. Helen's RC Church, Barry on Thursday, May 25th at 4.30pm for her requiem mass on Friday, May 26th 11am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery at 12.30pm. Family flowers only but donations, in lieu of flowers to Parkinson's UK and The Alzheimer's Society.

FOLEY

Paul Anthony

Suddenly at his home on 12th May, Paul passed away aged 59 years.

He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llanllwchaiarn until the Requiem Mass in Our Lady & St Iltyd's Catholic Church on Friday, 26th May at 1.30pm, followed by cremation at Coya church Crematorium. Immediate Family flowers only please.

THOMAS

Paul Rhys

Peacefully on 11th May 2017, aged 90, dear husband of Pat, cherished father of Daniel, Melanie and Hollie, loved step-father of Peter, David and Julia and adored grandfather.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral service, 2.15pm on Monday, 22nd May at Cowbridge United Free Church and 3.45pm at Coya church Crematorium. Family flowers only. Kind donations to Parkinson's UK c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

Acknowledgement

MAY

Alan Glyn (Binsky)

The family wish to thank everyone who attended Alan's funeral and for all the messages of sympathy and support.

Special thanks to Lyndsay Ellis of The Vale Funeral Service for his care in arranging the funeral and also Reverend Chris Seaton for his comforting service.

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In Memory

IN MEMORIAM

Alan Edgar

8/6/1952 - 23/5/2016

Alan, it's been one long and lonely year since you fell asleep for the final time. I miss you saying 'see you later' when I go out and then when I come home it's to an empty bungalow.

I miss you so much.
Love you always
J x

PARRY

Roger

24th May 2016

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
- PUBLIC FOOTPATHS NOS. 21 & 22
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ORDER 2016

Notice is hereby given pursuant to paragraph 3 (b) of Schedule 14 to the Act that the Inspector appointed by the Welsh Ministers to determine the Orders, proposes to make the Order as follows:

- In Article 5 of the Order insert in brackets after the words 'The Applicant' the words '(Redrow Homes Ltd.)'.
- In Part 2 of the Schedule, in the descriptions of both Footpath 21 Wenvoe and Footpath 22 Wenvoe, in the column headed 'Width' delete the figure '1.5' and insert the figure '2.0'.
- In the same columns, add the following words: 'subject to the limitations of street furniture'.

A copy of the Order, as submitted, and a copy of the Order showing the proposed modifications together with the Inspector's decision dated 27th April 2017 will be available at Vale of Glamorgan Council Offices, Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry CF63 4RT and may be inspected free of charge during normal working hours. Contact Gwyn Teague on 01446 704810 or email gteague@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Any representation or objection with respect to the proposed modifications may be sent electronically to walesplanning.gov.uk, or in writing to the Planning Inspectorate, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ, quoting reference number 3157580 not later than 28 days from the publication of this notice and should state the grounds on which it is made, and indicate whether you wish to have the opportunity of being heard by a person appointed by the Welsh Ministers at a further public inquiry. It should be noted that any such representation or objection may be made available for viewing by interested parties at the Council Offices on request.

Isabel Netshell

Authorised by the Welsh Ministers

NOTICE POSTED ON 18 May 2017

THE WELCOME COMMUNICATIONS

IN WELSH AND ENGLISH

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF
PUBLIC PATH ORDER
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
ACT 1990,
SECTION 257 AND PARAGRAPH 7 OF
SCHEDULE 14
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 5 ST NICHOLAS)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2017

On 9 May 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath running from the adopted highway (NGR 309363 174402) to a point beyond the development (NGR 309363 174529) and create an alternative footpath to a line running from the adopted highway (NGR 309421 174429) to a point beyond the development (NGR 309363 174529) as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the confirmed Order and Order map may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on 9 May 2017 but if any person aggrieved by the Order desires to question its validity or that of any provision contained in it on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act, or on the ground that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he or she may apply to the High Court for any of these purposes under section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within 6 weeks from the date on which notice is first published as required by paragraph 7 of Schedule 14 to that Act.

Dated 18 May 2017



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Double for Barry's footballing veterans!

BARRY Veterans Football Club completed an impressive double in the Wales Veterans Football Association over-50s competition.

After winning the league in style with two matches remaining, they defeated Matherne Veterans 4-0 to claim the over-50s cup!

Barry dominated the final from the whistle and although Matherne were resolute, the breakthrough came on 28 minutes when good work by Dave Murray was rewarded when the evergreen Mike Bobbitt hit an unstoppable drive past a despairing Adrian Lovett in the Matherne goal.

Minutes later Alun Huish crashed a thunderbolt against an upright from 20 yards, but despite Barry's dominance they only took a 1-0 lead into the interval.

In the second half, Matherne worked hard to gain parity but failed to trouble keeper Royston Harding.

Barry again seized the initiative, firstly Francis Dupuy hit an upright and then a cross by substitute Dave Hodgkinson was coolly headed home by Mike Fredriksen on 55 minutes.

Three minutes later the prolific Fredriksen doubled his tally and put the game beyond Matherne. Jeff White completed the scoring



with a fine header on 70 minutes.

Barry over-50s remain unbeaten in all competitions this season and for the second successive year were the dominant force in the fiercely contested Veterans League against teams throughout south Wales.

Mike Fredriksen was again the league's top scorer but some of the town's most well-known names including Mike Bobbitt, Steve Hill, Jimmy Blackie, Alun Huish, Royston Harding, Jeff White and Dave Hodgkinson all contributed to another successful season.

In the over-45s league, Barry lie in fourth position, but in the over-55s league Barry again lead the way with one match to play.

Further information is available on www.walesveteransfootball.co.uk

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Gardens are open in the Vale for charity



LOCAL gardens participating in the National Garden Scheme are as follows:

Knightsbridge: This is a Japanese garden with a Zen gate, Torri gate and Japanese lanterns featuring a large collection of Japanese style trees, which include English elm, oak and larch. It has a pagoda and three water features, including an Amazon waterfall a large Buddha's head and a new pond.

See the garden on Sunday, May 28 and Sunday, August 6 (11am-5pm). Admission £3, children free; homemade teas.

Knightsbridge, 21 Monmouth Way, Boverton, Llanwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan, CF61 2GT.

Llanmaes gardens: Llanmaes, one mile from Llanwit Major, is a pretty village with attractive village green, stream running through and a 13th century church.

Old Froglands is an historic

farmhouse with streams and woodland areas linked by bridges. Ducks swim and chickens roam free. The vegetable plot is now productive. Plantings are varied with interesting foliage.

Brown Lion House is a newly-renovated garden around mature trees and shrubs with patios and pathways.

Gadlys Farm House is in one acre of informal family garden surrounding a 17th century farmhouse. Various sitting areas amongst mature trees, herbaceous borders, summerhouse water feature and courtyard with planters.

Mehefin is an enchanting garden with bursts of colour and *West Winds* has a surprise in store!

See the gardens on Sunday, June 4 (12 noon to 5pm). Combined admission £5, children free. Light refreshments at Old Froglands and Mehefin.

Llanmaes gardens, Llanmaes, Llanwit Major, Glamorgan, CF61 2XR.

CLOSE GAMES FOR PENARTH BELLE VUE BOWLING CLUB

BELLE Vue won a very close game, 75-68, against Maesteg Welfare in the Carruthers Shield, with two rinks winning, two losing and played in lovely, sunny conditions.

Rink one lost 17-18 in a very close game. Lead was Mike Owens, no 2 Dave Smith, no 3 Dave Miller and skip was Malcom Thomas.

Rink two lost 16-21; lead was Gerry Field, no 2 Paul Booth, no 3 Len Fowler and skip was Dave Purser.

Rink three was another close game - nip and tuck all the way but Belle Vue edged it in the end 20-17. Lead was Dave Bradley, no 2 Gordon Ford, no 3 Richard Brant and skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink four had a very good win: 22-12. Lead was Graham Duggan, no 2 Frank Keen, no 3 was Paul Patterson and our skip was Colin Scammell.

Thank you to Malcom Thomas and his two dinner ladies washing up for us: Tracey Thomas and Marcia Warren. It was a lovely tea and good

company.

Belle Vue then lost against Barry Central in a very close Munro Cup game 69-75, two rinks winning, two losing; points 4 for Belle Vue, 10 for Barry Central.

Rink one lost 22-23; lead was Richard Fitzjohn, no 2 Dave Smith, no 3 Dave Miller and skip was Malcom Thomas.

Rink two won 23-21, another close rink. Lead was Mike Owens, no 2 was sub Dave Rappitt, no 3 John Whitfield and skip was Dave Runser.

Rink three won in another close rink 15-14; lead was Frank Keen (captain) no 2 Gordon Ford, no 3 Colin Scammell and skip was Len Fowler.

Rink four lost 9-17 but they played one player light. Lead was Dave Bradley, no 3 Richard Brant and skip was Trevor Ford.

A big thank you to Malcom Thomas for our pasties and for looking after the bar.

FRANK KEEN



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Sarah's winning streak continues at tennis club

HOT on the heels of the May Day Wimbledon tickets tournament, Cowbridge Tennis Club was delighted to hold its round of the UK-wide Aegon Parent and under-10 child tournament with a nice surprise at stake for the winners.

On a beautiful, sunny afternoon there were more than 40 children playing on our regular free session for junior members.

Amongst this throng a few brave parents entered a round-robin competition of two groups of five pairs with group winners and runners-up playing semi-finals and finals.

The semi-finals saw Paul and Ffion

Collingridge (emulating her brother's rugby and football prowess) and Kate Button and Camelia Buick each running Sarah and Serian Penketh and Natalie and Izzy Morgan very close with only a point or two in it in both matches.

Following on from her May Day Wimbledon draw tournament success, Sarah struck again as winner, with Serian, closely defeating Natalie and Izzy in the final.

All the children had a great day and received their awards when it was announced that Sarah and Serian as winners will now be representing the club at the 2017 Aegon Classic Birmingham, held at the prestigious Edgbaston Archery and

Lawn Tennis Society that serves as a warm up to Wimbledon.

The club has a thriving membership and there are opportunities for all to play most nights, Saturday afternoons and ladies mornings so you can play where you feel most comfortable.

The mens, ladies and junior teams have started their first summer league matches (match reports to follow in next week's GEM).

It is a friendly, family-orientated club and are always welcoming new members.

More detailed information is available on our website cltc.webs.com or please call our coach Ian Duggan on 07919 816609.

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Cricket youngsters kept busy!

THE junior section of the Cowbridge Cricket Club got underway this week with an under-9s cricket festival with three other teams playing a round robin tournament.

The first game for Cowbridge was against St Fagan's Stags with the Cowbridge coming out on top in convincing fashion.

Each team starts with 200 runs and five runs are deducted for a player being out. Eight players constitute a team with players batting in pairs and face two overs while the fielding side must bowl an over each.

Cowbridge reached 243 runs due mainly to forceful batting by captain Theo Walker and Wil Jonson.

In reply, the Stags reached 204 with most of the home team gaining a wicket in their over.

In the next match against Cardiff Blues Cowbridge fielded their

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under difficult batting conditions.

After the tea break, the wicket had dried considerably, making batting much less arduous.

John Gilbert opened the bowling in his usual miserly fashion giving the Llandarcy openers nothing to hit.

He was ably supported by young Heath Webb. Both were extremely unlucky not to pick up wickets in the first few overs with the Llandarcy batsmen mis-hitting aerial shots tantalisingly close to Cowbridge fielders, but unfortunately none going to hand.

Gilbert eventually made the breakthrough by bowling the opening batsman. Ian Evans was brought into the attack to take the pace off the ball and took a wicket with his first delivery, aided by an excellent catch by Anthony Isles in the covers.

Evans then bowled the other opener in his second over leaving Llandarcy in trouble at 38 for 3.

A first class spell of off spin bowling by Younas (4-33) backed up by excellent catching sent Llandarcy reeling at 97 for 9, still needing 28

to win on a difficult pitch with the last pair at the wicket.

However, with a series of unorthodox shots, the last wicket pair somehow built a match-winning stand.

An excellent game played in a good spirit ended in a one wicket defeat for Cowbridge.

After back-to-back away games Cowbridge second XI look forward to a home game against the new - p r o m o t e d Felinfach, with the hope of continuing their unbeaten home form.

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Cowbridge seconds slip to narrow defeat

COWBRIDGE second XI arrived at Pontardawe Park, the adopted home of Llandarcy first XI, to be greeted by a wet uncovered pitch and an outfield that had been cut, but the grass not collected and therefore resembling a cut meadow.

The last game against Whitchurch Heath brought the older group back to play and resulted in a comfortable victory by 34 runs.

Whitchurch scored 199 in losing five wickets while Cowbridge lost only three in their total of 233 runs.

Harvey Rees and Chloe Williams were the better of the batsmen.

During the week the under-11s playing hardball pairs cricket had a comfortable away win by 40 runs to Miskin.

The under-13s came up against a very strong Lllysne team playing on their home pitch and lost by 60 runs, while Llantwit Fardre failed to put a team together for the under-15s match at Cowbridge.

When Gascoyne was caught for a well compiled 44, hopes of a large total faded.

Apart from Naveed Younas (17) no other Cowbridge batsman got into double figures as the side limped to 124 for 8 at the end of the 40 overs

Cowbridge RFC end season on rampant form!

FINALLY, it was the last game of the season for Cowbridge RFC as Wattstown were the visitors on a sunny day at the old School Field.

Having won just one of their first five games Cowbridge went on to win 14 of their next 16 games, drawing one and losing just twice to league leaders Cefn Coed and Penygraig.

So this game was important not to just extend that winning record but also to finish the season in third place as victory would take us above Llantwit.

Cowbridge kicked off and within three minutes were on the scoreboard as the ball spun across the backs followed by a couple of rucks before scrum half Hywel Williams leapt over the Wattstown defence to touch down.

The Wattstown kick off didn't reach the 10 metre line and despite losing the ball from the ensuing scrum Cowbridge soon regained possession with second row Jack Anderson sprinting over from 30 metres.

Despite Cowbridge's initial dominance, Wattstown had their moments, pressurising into the 22 and running a couple of penalties.

However a good penalty to touch by No.10 Alex Guard followed by clean lineout ball gave Williams an opportunity to break through the Wattstown defence and release the backs as the ball sped through the hands of Luke Boys and Zac Summerhayes to powerful centre Lindsay McCausland, who sprinted all of 40 metres to touch down under the posts to give Guard an easy conversion.

Wattstown fought back again and pressed on the Cowbridge line but a powerful Cowbridge scrum, with front five Matt Muir, Craig Boxall, John Bater, Kieren David and Jack Anderson proving quite a

handful, saw Cowbridge break from the 22.

A strong run by Boxall almost led to try by full back James Phillips who couldn't quite reach a kick through.

Coach Dan Williams

decided now was the time to make some changes. Tom James came on at scrum half, Hatim Shami on the wing and veteran prop Dave Breed on for his final game (so he says) for the club.

With just a few minutes to go there was a bit of a scuffle, and two yellow cards (one for each side), but that was it, the final score Cowbridge 46, Wattstown 0.

Cowbridge started the second half in much the same way as the first. Despite a wayward kick-off, the powerful Cowbridge scrum was soon back on top and from such ball Luke Boys again smashed through the visitors' defence to release fellow centre McCausland to sprint 30 metres for his second try.

Almost from the kick-off Zac Summerhayes received the ball just inside the Wattstown half and swerved and sprinted for a Cowbridge's seventh try.

With such a lead Cowbridge seemed to relax and it was all Wattstown for the next 10 minutes.

A yellow card didn't help and despite some stout Cowbridge defence Wattstown eventually managed to cross the whitewash.

Normal service was soon resumed as good

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Silver medals in Slovenia for South Wales table tennis pair

THE Welsh pairing of Bridgend's Paul Davies and Aberdare's Tom Matthews won silver medals in the men's class 1 team event at the Para Table Tennis Slovenia Open.

With two wins from three matches in the round-robin event, Davies and Matthews needed to win their final match against Italy to be sure of a medal.

Playing together for the first time, they lost the doubles 3-0 to an experienced Italian pair.

But Davies, from North Cornelly, levelled the tie with a great win - edging a tense first set 14-12 and going on to beat an Italian who had

finishing with three wins from four, the gold was decided on the result between the two teams.

It was the Hungarian-French partnership who prevailed, having beaten Davies and Matthews 2-0 the previous day.

Davies, a bronze medallist at the London Paralympics in 2012, said: "It was our first tournament together, so our doubles can only improve."

"I could have done better with the shorter balls, but we've had the result we really wanted against Italy to take on to the World Championships."

"For me it is a cracking result, and the young lad did the business to get the final win."

This has given me a lot of confidence. I only lost one singles match here - I'm buzzing now."

With Britain and a Hungary-France pairing

MIKE PROSSER

ATHLETIC BOWLERS SECURE IMPORTANT AWAY WIN

B A R R Y
ATHLETIC Bowls Club took an important step to securing a place in the knock out rounds of the Carruther's Shield with an important away victory at Caerau Welfare.

This was always going to be a tough game especially as the Athletic were without a number of first team regulars to master the tricky valley green.

But with a good debut from Paul Shepherd and solid performances from a number of key players, Barry Athletic overcome the opposition by a narrow seven shots.

Top honours on the day went to Glyn Thomas's rink with a five shot victory over Mervyn Davies, with the rink securing an important six shots on the 18th end when matters were looking tight across the green, and eventually laying the foundation for a 23-18 win.

Elsewhere Richard Bowen's rink battled to a three shot victory over a Caerau rink that included county players Dylan Hookings and Keith Llewelyn.

With Paul Shepherd and Gary Jones laying a consistent foundation, and Geoff Whittaker converting a number of heads it was left to Richard to draw the shot with a front toucher with his last bowl of the match to secure an important victory on the rink.

Robert Horgan was also involved in a great struggle with Mark Lewis with the lead

changing hands a number of times during the match.

With Roland Fletcher at lead and Lol Paige giving good support at second, it was left to the experienced pairing of Peter Rogers and former Welsh international Robert Horgan to use all their guile to win three of the last four ends to secure a narrow three shot victory by 21-18.

Martin Clarke's rink swept to an early lead over Paul Hookings leading 18-5 after 10 ends after securing three 3s and a four in the opening ends. However the rink of Steve McKernan, Mike Vaughan and David Wright lost their early consistency in the second half of the game dropping two 4s and a 3 to bring the match level at 18 ends.

Martin's rink could not find the accuracy in the last few ends of the game and despite playing it as tight as possible dropped the last three ends to lose by four shots, 20-24.

However, the loss on Martin Clarke's rink was well covered elsewhere as the game drew to its close and after the final bowl Barry Athletic were relieved to come away with an important victory by 82 shots to 75 to set up a crucial match with Bridgend this week.

The selectors will be looking to introduce greater consistency in to the rinks next week, particularly in the front ends, in what will be a difficult away game on a tricky surface that is not in the best of condition.

Barry Athletic's PG 2 side suffered their second consecutive loss of the

Matthew (20) is crowned Welsh tae kwon do champion



Matthew Bennett (right) with his lecturer Billy Adams.

MATTHEW Bennett, a student at Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC), has been crowned Welsh tae kwon do champion.

Matthew, who is 20 and from Barry, has competed all over the world in the Korean martial art, best known for its head-height kicks, jumping and spinning kicks.

"I was quite speechless to win," Matthew said. "I've never held this title before and I have been competing for so many years - it feels like a great achievement and it's one of the most valuable titles I hold at the moment."

Matthew has been competing in tae kwon do at national and international level for between 12 and 13 years and has held British, European and international titles.

"My mother got me into it," Matthew said. "I was having a hard time growing up - I was always the individual and I did get picked on so I needed to be able to defend myself. It was a great confidence builder

for me as a child; I would not be the person I am today without it."

While wanting to continue professionally with tae kwon do - he has worked as an instructor to young children for the last four years - Matthew decided to become a student to widen his range of options.

"Art and graphic design is another side to me," he explained. "I've always been a creative person - I've had work hard to get my marks but I see graphic design as another career path and one I would like to go down."

Matthew's lecturer, Billy Adams, said: "We are all really proud of Matthew. The amount of work and commitment he puts in to both his studies and his tae kwon do means that he will go far in both fields."



Golfing ladies hold charity competition



ON a cold stalls, including Thursday, May 11, homemade cakes and chocolates, bric-a-brac and bottles.

Norma Phillips and Jo Kirkpatrick, worked tirelessly all morning encouraging ladies to part with their money.

Coffee, tea and biscuits were served and many ladies stayed on to enjoy lunch provided by our excellent in-house catering team.

The annual coffee morning was a great success, raising nearly £700 for the charity. Ladies captain Olwyn Thomas, thanked everyone who supported raffle and numerous her with donations and

their time. She thanked our visitors, and hoped they enjoyed our course.

Competition results were announced and prizes awarded.

The away club winner was Ruth O'Carroll from Southerndown Golf club with 22 points, runner-up Olwyn Young from Glamorganshire Golf club with 21 points. Home club winner Liz Taylor with 22 points, runner-up Lisa Taylor with 19 points.

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VALE OF GLAMORGAN POOL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

THE Billy recorded a 7-3 win travelling away at Finnegans last Thursday in the Vale of Glamorgan Pool League.

The win saw the team another step towards winning the inaugural season with only two games to go.

Singles wins for Gary Roberts, Martin Pring and Ross Jones helped the team to victory, but it was the emphatic Ceri Morris who stole the show, recording a remarkable three 8-ball clear ups from the break.

This is unheard of in local pool leagues and will be difficult for anyone to repeat, winning both singles and his doubles.

His opponents could only look on as his White ball looked as though it was on a string in the three frames he played.

Following another successful night for Mr Morris, this now puts him in the lead position claiming five 8-ball clear ups for the season, and he's still in contention

for the singles and doubles titles. The Billy captain, Tony Mullins, said: "Ceri was just outstanding - you would not expect less from the former Wales under-21 pool team captain."

Over at The Castle, there was a well-deserved win for Cocopops who came out on top 6-4 with Mike Dunn and captain Avient shining again for Cocopops.

Man of the match for The Castle was Gavin Rowlands, who's getting better with age, maturing like a good bottle of French wine!

The Whitchill beat the Borough 8-2. The night started well for the Borough with talisman Les Ashton winning the opening frame - from then it was the Whitchill who took control and dominated until Rob Larkin took the only other point from the Whitchill.

In the last doubles match it would be Lawrence Klee who would seal victory for the Whitchill.

The county team had their first

home game against a very strong Neath team and after a poor start the Vale came away with a respectable 18-18 draw.

Neath's star man John Vice played some great shots, while the Vales' birthday boy, Graham Avient, played a patient and solid game on his way to winning three out of four games, a feat also accomplished by Ian Hill and man of the match Jamie Stanton.

A special mention to Chris Bardsley who started unusually slow but in sessions three and four he had two outstanding 8ball clear ups. The Vale are now top of their league at the halfway point, well done James and the boys.

The league are looking for sponsors and new teams for next season, as well as players of all capabilities.

Please text Joe on 07870 498738 or email him on Valeofglamorganpoolleague@gmail.com.

JB

Millwood edge rivals in cup

WEDNESDAY evening saw Millwood welcome local rivals Murch to the club for a Munro Cup fixture.

Games between the two clubs are always played with a highly competitive edge to them and this evenings game would prove to be no exception.

On rink two skip Alan Bumford and his rink got away to a flier against the Murch rink skipped by T Phillips, and after five ends were leading 7-1, a position he was not going to give up easily, winning comfortably by 20 shots to 9.

However on the other rinks matters were a lot tighter - on rink three Al Evans, after five ends, found himself 4-2 down, a position which worsened over the next five ends to a deficit of 13-5.

However, over the next five ends a herculean effort saw them drag themselves back to being level at 14-14; alas over the last three ends the Murch rink skipped

by Bill Frampton ran out winners by 18 shots to 14.

Meanwhile, Nick Parry and his team were leading D Blainey and his rink 5-2 after five ends and over the next 10 ends the lead sawed between the teams.

Going into the last three ends Murch were leading by two shots, however a big effort by Nick and his team saw the position reversed, with a 14-12 win to the home rink.

On the last rink Peter Taylor and his team made steady progress against the rink skipped by Mark Hughes and after 15 ends led by 11 shots to 9.

A 5 dropped on the 16th end would prove fatal, the final score 15 shots to 12, and the overall result was a win for Millwood, 60-54. All players should be congratulated for a good close game.

Saturday saw Millwood travel to Porthcawl to play Griffin Park in the Carruthers Cup.

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Name change in order for Vale boccia champions?



VALE boccia team 'Mission Impossible' recently recorded an impressive unbeaten streak to clinch the 2017 Vale Boccia League.

Winning every match they played in, and avoiding self-destruction in the process, Mission Impossible won the league that started back in February.

The league was made up of several boccia teams including the Boccia Rollers, Hengoleg Day Centre, Scope Sully Skills Development Centre, SEND Scorpions and Woodlands Day Centre.

Taking place at Hengoleg Resource

Centre, the teams were divided into two pools, with the top teams in each sub-league progressing to the knockout stages.

The final was eventually contested

between Mission Impossible and SEND Scorpions, with the latter leading at the half way point. Nevertheless, a strong second-half display saw Mission

Impossible collect the win in a memorable final.

It was quite a remarkable season for the team from Hengoleg Resource Centre, as they were the first team since 2013 to win every match they played.

Vale trainers enjoy Thursday racing success

VALE trainers Phil Dando, Tim Vaughan and Evan Williams all saddled winners on Thursday, May 11.

Peterston-Super-Ely's

Phil Dando landed the

handicap hurdle at

Worcester with his

homebred *Rainbow*

Haze, which beat the

top-weighted *Gingili* by

one-and-a-half

quarters of a length.

At far-away Carlisle,

Monsieur Arkadin,

trained by Aberthorn's

Tim Vaughan, beat

solitary rival *Oriental*

Fixer, trained by

Michael Scudamore, in

the opening novices'

hurdle by some 14

lengths.

Monsieur Arkadin

was partnered by Alan

Johns and went off at

odds of 1-6.

BRIAN LEE

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League

THE latest results for the Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for April 24 are as follows:

First division: SV Gals (B Pycroft 34) 311, Special Angels (T Jones 28) 269; Pili Palas (M Barnett 33) 306, Barry Stars (M Richards 32) 271; Phillips, S Oram 27) 267, Up Town Girls (A Hobbs 27) 258; Rugby Triers (N Ray 27) 245, SV Ladies 222; Bakers Dozen (K Janby, B Martin, 253; Hill Billies (C Harney 28) 273, Colcot Twilights (S Davies 28) 237; Red Admiral (S Clements 25) 217, 33; Etcetera (J Barratt 31) 292; Witches 181; Space Finders (P Carter 32) 322, Cigar Ladies (H Brigham 32) 229.

Fourth division: Nite Walden 27) 250, Bobby's Girls (J Barnett 23) 228.

Second division: Castle Bandits (J Far 27) 189, Witchill Weebies (R Royce 30) 235; Roller Coasters (C Thomas 26) 202, Witchill Widows (N Barnfield 22) 200; Cad Con Fillies (L Old 26) 247, Rhoose Starlights (L Davies 24) 189; After Eights (M Conibear 31) 287, Airways Angels (A Sales, E Biss 30) 279; Breakaways (V Martin 30) 284, Merry Makers (R Collins 30) 262; Clickies (K Watts 38) 309, S V Lights (L

Barrivale Bridge Club - latest news

THE latest results for Barrivale Bridge Club for May 9 are as follows:

The Championship pairs, Session 1: First, Mark Roderick and Mike Best, 74.48 per cent; second, Peter Millar and Jane Brook, 61.46 per cent; third, Mick Green and Noelle Bond, 54.17 per cent.

Mike Best and Mark Roderick also won on handicap.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join the club, call 01446 418380; 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call in to the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

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Third division: Little Devils (G Bowen 23) 207, Westenders (M Condon 31) 260; Vixens (M Marks 3) 255, Challengers (L Morgan 27) 271; Rebels (A Phillips, S Oram 27) 267, Up Town Girls (A Hobbs 27) 258; Rugby Triers (N Ray 27) 245, SV Ladies 222; Bakers Dozen (K Janby, B Martin, 253; Hill Billies (C Harney 28) 273, Colcot Twilights (S Davies 28) 237; Red Admiral (S Clements 25) 217, 33; Etcetera (J Barratt 31) 292; Witches 181; Space Finders (P Carter 32) 322, Cigar Ladies (H Brigham 32) 229.

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sport and play activities and train that have previously been successful in receiving Community Chest funding include local scout groups, community associations, housing associations, disability organisations, youth clubs, residential homes and older peoples' groups.

The panel, who decide who receives a share of the funding, and who reward those aiming to increase sport and play participation levels across the Vale, awarded funding to Glamorgan 'Artistic Roller Skating Club', Barry Athletic Football Club, Mariners Girls Rugby Cluster Centre, 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout Group and Barry Town United Ladies Football Club for sport-specific training in addition to first aid and safeguarding training.

The funding is not exclusively available for those looking to develop sporting activities, however: non-sport organisations

Vale of Glamorgan Football League FINAL TABLES

Premier Division

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goal Diff	Points
Vale United	16	13	1	2	34	40
AFC Rhoose	16	10	3	3	30	33
Cowbridge Town	16	9	2	5	16	29
St Athan	16	9	2	5	5	29
Barry Athletic	16	7	2	7	16	23
Penarth Town	16	7	1	8	-1	22
Island Marine	16	5	2	9	-3	17
Tynwydd	16	3	2	11	-36	11
Masons Moving Group	16	1	1	14	-51	4

Division One

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goal Diff	Points
Barry Athletic	20	16	0	4	50	48
Barry Belgrave	20	15	1	4	47	46
Sully Sports	20	11	1	8	15	34
SP Billy	20	10	4	6	11	34
Cadoxton Athletic	20	10	2	8	8	32
Cogan Coronation	20	9	4	7	4	31
FC Pumas	20	9	3	8	7	30
Dockers Reunited	20	8	3	9	2	27
Cadoxton Athletic	20	8	2	9	-1	26
Cardiff Airport	20	6	1	13	-7	19
Cadoxton Barry	20	5	2	13	-36	13
Glenbrook	20	1	1	18	-107	4

Division Two

Team Name	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goal Diff	Points
Cadoxton Imps	24	17	4	3	69	55
Barry Saints	24	17	3	4	52	54
Penarth Town	24	16	2	6	39	50
Island Marine	24	10	3	11	-3	33
BV	24	10	2	12	-47	32
AFC Rhoose	24	9	4	11	-8	31
Barry Albion	24	8	3	13	-20	27
St Athan	24	7	1	16	-30	22
FC Pumas	24	2	2	20	-52	8

A smashing time at Barry Community Tennis Club



Ladies-only sessions are available at the tennis club, as are men-only ones.

Since its foundation in 2015, Barry Community Tennis Club has provided a range of tennis sessions for children from tots to teens.

The club's mini and junior sections continue to

develop apace, but it seems that now is the time for the adults to take centre court, with a significant expansion to the adult coaching and playing schedules at the club.

Tennis Tuesdays (for ladies only) has been running at the club since 2015, but until recently, that was the club's only regular adult session.

The club now has busy informal mixed social sessions (Mondays, 2pm), ladies-only sessions (Tuesdays, 7.30pm), and men-only sessions (Wednesdays, 7pm).

In addition to these turn-up-and-play activities, the club continues to offer Tennis Tuesdays at 6.30pm, but also runs adult coaching at 6pm on Wednesdays and a beginner adult session on Saturdays at midday (TennisXpress).

All sessions are open to anyone, and while members receive a discount on the cost of the coaching sessions, you do not have to be a member of the club to take part (sessions currently £4 members/£6 non-members; social sessions are free of charge to all).

All coaching is provided by professionally qualified coaches working with Vale Tennis Academy, and equipment is provided.

More adult classes will be added in June, including another adult beginner class, a daytime adult coaching session, and some 'CardioTennis classes', a fitness class with music on a tennis court.

Send an email to info@barryctc.co.uk to find out more.

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The panel, who decide who receives a share of the funding, and who reward those aiming to increase sport and play participation levels across the Vale, awarded funding to Glamorgan 'Artistic Roller Skating Club', Barry Athletic Football Club, Mariners Girls Rugby Cluster Centre, 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout Group and Barry Town United Ladies Football Club for sport-specific training in addition to first aid and safeguarding training.

The funding is not exclusively available for those looking to develop sporting activities, however: non-sport organisations

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The next Community Chest panel meeting is taking place on June 22, with a deadline date of June 8 for completed applications to be submitted.

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Cup final delight for Athletic under-16s!



BARRY ATHLETIC FC under-16s brought the curtain down on their junior football journey in fine style on Thursday, May 4 by clinching the Barry Junior Cup.

Sully Sports were the opposition for the Athletic, who traditionally had been a bit of a 'bogey' side for the players over the years.

The Barry team had got the better of Sully during the course of the season with two wins in the league programme, however, they were expecting a very difficult game as Sully often match the Athletic by always attempting to play good football.

The game was played in almost perfect conditions on the excellent Jenner Park pitch and in front of an enthusiastic crowd. The Athletic were the quicker of the two teams to enter into their stride and were soon putting the opposition goalkeeper under pressure by creating some half-chances.

However, it was Sully who created the first clear chance of the game. Hari Hartman demonstrated his excellent agility and reactions by pulling off an outstanding save from the Sully striker, low down to his right, keeping his team in the game as a result.

On the 15 minute mark, the Athletic broke the deadlock. A switch of play from Alex Brookes-Bent resulted in Sam Montgomery galloping down the right wing, cutting the ball back to Harri Edwards who flashed the ball across the goal mouth in order for Rhys Woolmer to finish calmly on the far post.

Full-backs Josh Francis and Alfie Davies were solid, stifling the usually effective Sully wide players. Soon after, the Athletic were two up.

A good corner delivery from Evan Wells saw the captain, Luke Vowles despatch the ball into the Sully goal with a bullet header with a near post run, a goal that was particularly pleasing as it was a move only practised a few days prior.

Sully were not deterred and continued to fight back. Hartman was called upon again, this time evidencing his bravery, not often seen at this age, by beating the Sully player to the ball when it looked like a goal was the only likely outcome.

His clean punch resulted in him being clattered to the floor in a heap. With no reserve keeper to call upon, his team-mates were relieved when he dusted himself off to continue with the game.

At the half-time break, the instruction to the team was to keep possession of the ball and play 'through the phases'. Within 27 seconds of the restart, the players repaid the coaches' instruction by scoring the team goal of the game.

With the ball on the edge of the Athletic box, Vowles and Joe Allwood exchanged passes; Dan

Barnett dropped into space, turned and played in Brookes-Bent.

He played the ball wide to Montgomery who then saw the excellent run from Edwards. Edwards took one touch around the Sully defender and cut the ball across the keeper and drilled it into the net.

At this point, Connor Bright, Jack Such and Cian McCarthy-Williams entered the fray and they soon imposed themselves onto the game. When the Sully defenders failed to clear their lines from another corner, the ever reliable Allwood smashed the ball in from close range.

Five minutes later from yet another corner, the individual goal of the game was scored. McCarthy-Williams, who was positioned on the corner of the box, plucked the ball out of the air with his knee and duly volleyed the ball into the top corner.

With five minutes remaining McCarthy-Williams grabbed his brace with a left-footed far post strike and the game finished 6-0.

After the final whistle, the players were not only presented with their winner's trophies but also their trophies for finishing runners-up in the league.

Barry Athletic FC would like to thank the match officials, Johnny Miller, Nick Silva and Brian Scales, and Barry Town United FC for providing the hospitality in the clubhouse after the game.

The players and staff would also like to dedicate the victory to the memory of club president, Mr Brian Heathfield, who sadly passed away in November.

Having won the cup in their first season of junior football, this was indeed a fitting end to five competitive years together (10 including minifootball).

In those five years the team had finished as champions, gained two cup wins, as well as winning the Monmouth Town tournament and the Bridgend Town tournament.

However, the team is looking to progress to youth football next season - any players interested in joining the team, should contact the club via bafc75@gmail.com.

Squad: 1. H. Hartman, 2. J. Francis, 3. A. Davies, 4. L. Vowles, 5. J. Allwood, 6. E. Wells, 7. S. Montgomery, 8. D. Barnett, 9. H. Edwards, 10. A. Brookes-Bent, 11. R. Woolmer, 12. J. Such, 13. C. Bright, 14. C. McCarthy-Williams.

AB

Belle Vue slip to Shield defeat

BELLE VUE went down to **Llanwit Major** in the **Carruthers Shield**, and the skip was **Dave Purser**. Lead was **Gerry Field**, no 2 was **Paul Booth**, no 3 was **Barrie Bagwell** and the rink was **Dave Purser**.

Rink four started slow but got better, but not enough to pull it back; but they tried. Lead was **Frank Keen**, no 2 was **Gordon Ford**, no 3 was **Paul Paterson** and the skip **Len Fowler**. The game was played in a very good spirit and it gave us goals to aim for - to try harder and to learn by our mistakes.

Thank you to **Llanwit Major** for the nice refreshments and food laid on. Better luck next time, we hope!

FRANK KEEN

Murch in Munro Cup bowls action

ON Wednesday, May 10, Murch Bowling Club met Millwood in the Munro Cup.

In a closely-contested game Millwood came out on top by 62 shots to 54.

There was victory for the rinks led by Mark Hughes and Bill Frampton for Murch and for N Parry and A Buhford for Millwood.

Although the competition was keen, the match was played in a friendly sportsman like manner so a pleasant evening was had by all.

When the match was completed, everyone retired to the pavilion where Murch enjoyed Millwood's hospitality.

Novice bowler Michael Welchman had a very good game.

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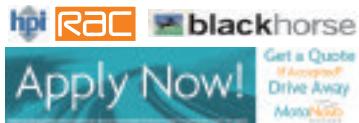
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Barry Athletic land league and cup double!



A lovely spring afternoon on Sunday, April 23 saw a good crowd at Jenner Park for the Supporter's Cup final.

The historic cup being played for the 70th consecutive season in local league football. Having already dispatched league high flyers Sully Sports and Barry Belgrave in earlier rounds Barry Athletic came into the final full of confidence.

Wearing the famous green of Cadoxton Albion, Athletic aimed to duplicate their founders success in this particular cup.

Before changing their name to Barry Athletic in 1975, Albion won the cup no less than nine times in 14 seasons between 1947 and 1960!

Captain, Spencer Price led his team by example,

A first half penalty was awarded after a foul on Dan Morgan. Price took responsibility and dispatched with ease to send Athletic in 1-0 at half-time.

Athletic knew their opposition would tire second half so the message was to keep possession. Only eight minutes after the break, striker Dan Morgan met a cross with his head and calmly cushioned the ball past the stranded keeper.

Athletic now went into cruise control and continued to pass the football around the large pitch, SP Billy's defence were now camped on the edge of their penalty area and Athletic had to work hard to create goal scoring opportunities.

Eventually, in the 73rd Ben Graham produced a bit of individual brilliance to make it 3-0. This seemed to trigger SP Billy into a fight.

Front row, Ryan Hales, Billy Grattan, Linford Harris, Mark Kingdon, Spencer Price, Ady Grattan, Loucas Achilles, David Budd, Mascots - Benjamin Venton and Robbie Grattan.

The Athletic went into the last game of the season knowing a win would clinch the league title.

With rivals, Barry Belgrave, ahead of them in the league table having finished their season the game had high stakes.

A large crowd gathered at Bryn Y Don to see who would become the Division 1 champions.

Opponents Cadoxton Barry rightly fielded a strong team to ensure Athletic had to earn the right to the title. Cadoxton's experience saw them control the game for long periods in the first half. Athletic's nerves were showing as they struggled to string together any passages of play.

The ladies also enjoyed a post-match picnic, and both teams are looking forward to the return fixture in a few weeks' time, because it was such a well-matched fixture with great sportsmanship on both sides.

To find out more about playing for Barry Community Tennis Club or taking part in any of the coaching or social sessions, please email info@barryctc.co.uk.

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They reshuffled their pack and all of a sudden the Athletic's defence were having to work hard.

A stunning 25 yard strike from Lee Carter on 85 minutes and another effort hitting the post gave the Billy a glimmer of hope but it wasn't to be their day.

Spencer Price lifted the cup for the Athletic and the celebrations went on long into the night.

Pictured are the Barry Athletic squad - Back row, Matt Venton (coach), Emlyn Samad (coach), Jeff Howells (manager), Ben Graham, Izaac Farrag, Chris Simpson, Dan Morgan, Lewis Marsh, Ben Pearce, Leigh Vick, Travell Konten, Eddie Roe, Frank Roe.

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An injury saw Cadoxton bring on Ricky Sansom in the 35th minute, within minutes Sansom found himself alone in the Athletic box and fired home with precision to send Athletic in at half-time 1-0 down.

Athletic's coaching team remained confident during the half-time team

talk. They sent the squad and back out with the committee wild on the emphasis on Cadoxton tiring and Athletic making the most of any double was as good as chances that came their way.

Just five minutes in and the game had turned on its head, Athletic were now dominating all over the pitch, determined that the season's hard work would be rewarded in the next 45 minutes.

Chance after chance came and went but just as the nerves were starting to creep back in Dan Morgan produced a pin point cross for Ben Graham to expertly volley the ball into the roof of the Cadoxton net. The equaliser seemed to drain all life from the opposition. Apart from the occasional long ball to relieve the pressure, Athletic were now camped in the Cadoxton half.

It was in the 70th minute that top goal scorer for the past two seasons, Dan Morgan, bagged the league-winning goal after good work from Linford Harris down the right wing.

The goal sent the Athletic supporters, on

The club's senior section would like to dedicate its double success to the memory of club president, Brian Heathfield, who sadly passed away in November.

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The Gelligaer Farmers Point-To-Point Steeplechases will be held at Lower Machen near Rudry on May 20, first race 2pm.

EVAN'S BIG RACE WINNER
Llancaerfan's Evan Williams got the new National Hunt season off to a great start when landing the £34,170 Swinton Handicap Hurdle at Haydock Park with his six-year-old John Constable who under Davey Russell bolted home some 14 lengths ahead of Optimus Prime.

Williams was winning the race for the third time and John Constable which went off the 5-1 favourite had been unlucky at Aintree on Grand National day when falling at the last flight in a handicap hurdle for amateur riders.

Court Minstrel, Williams' other runner in the race, finished fourth at odds of 20-1.

BRIAN LEE



The Great British Tennis weekend enjoyed in Barry

HUNDREDS of tennis clubs around the UK took part in last weekend's Great British Tennis Weekend, an annual event supported by the Lawn Tennis Association, to encourage more people to play tennis.

Barry Community Tennis Club hosted an event in Romilly Park which included free taster sessions for adult and junior coaching, kids coaching, and 'CardioTennis', along with some tots' tennis activities, fun physical skills development stations and touchtennnis matches.

The sun shone as more than 60 people of all ages took to the courts, got active and had loads of fun.

The club offers sessions for all ages and abilities, and equipment is provided. Players do not have to be members of the club to take part in any of its activities, although members do benefit from discounts on coaching sessions and special events.

To find out more, visit www.barryctc.co.uk or follow the club on Facebook/Twitter and search for the hashtag #GoHittt. PM



Under-8s hit the courts!

BAARRY couple of months ago. Community Tennis Barry's Ashton Hocking came out on top in the longest match of the fixture, with a 15-13 point win (the matches are first to 10 points, but there must be a two point difference, so this match was a nailbiting marathon with both players giving all to secure the victory).

Players and supporters had a great time, and followed the fixture with a picnic (under the shelter!).

This weekend sees action from the 9u, 12u and ladies teams.

PM

Success for Evan and Christian

LLANCARFAN'S Williams landed the Weatherbys General Stud Book Online Handicap Hurdle at Ffos Las on Tuesday with his six-year-old *Positively Dylan* which came home one-and-a-quarter lengths ahead of *Paddy's Motorbike*, who just happens to be trained by Christian Williams, Evan's one-time assistant trainer and who recently was granted a trainers' licence.

Positively Dylan was ridden by Adam Wedge. Debra Hamer who hails from the Vale saddled *Super Scorpion*, winner of the Weatherbys Handicap Chase under Tom Bellamy.

David Brace of the Dunraven Stud at Pyle near Bridgend has had great success with his homebred horses and in just six days he had three winners -

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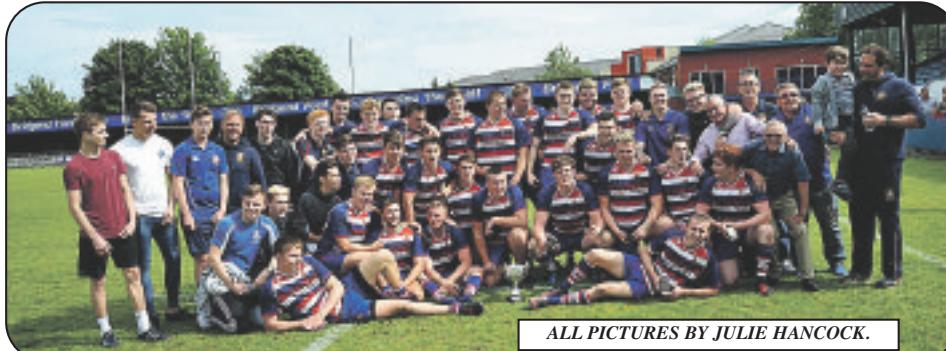
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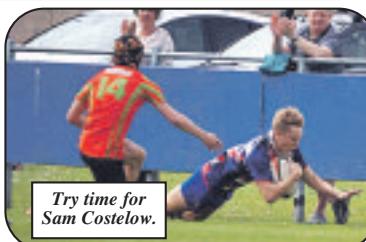
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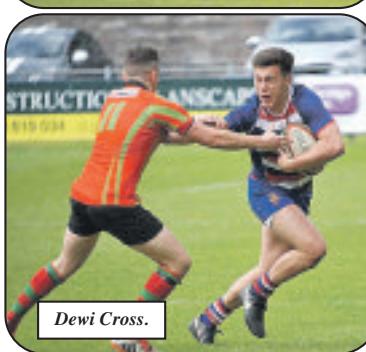
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Jack Thomson (in the middle) gets stuck in.



Try time for Sam Costelow.



Dewi Cross.

THE many Pencoed supporters who travelled to the Brewery Field for this District Youth cup final were conscious of the fact their team had lost on two previous occasions to Nantyffyllon in the league.

However on the day their apprehension was allayed in no uncertain manner despite a competitive effort throughout from Nantyffyllon.

Pencoed scrum half Calum Palmer darted over wide out for the opening try of the match, the respective place kickers then took a hand. Jacob Lloyd with a penalty for Pencoed and Nantyffyllon's Calum Powell slotting three penalty goals for his side to lead 9-8.

The Pencoed response was quick, their backs showing good hands some 50 metres out to put Dewi Cross in space, and the Welsh under-18 international needed no second invitation to race clear to score, Lloyd adding the extras.

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Play then became to and fro with no quarter asked or given, and with Nantyffyllon on the attack there came a crucial first half score.

Pencoed's Cameron Fyvie Davies plucked the ball out of the air on the intercept to race away from 60 metres to score at the posts, pursued all the way by the desperate defence. Lloyd converted and Pencoed led 22-9.

A further Lloyd penalty gave Pencoed a 16 point half-time cushion, the scoreline perhaps not reflective of a most competitive opening half.

Pencoed outside half Sam Costelow then stretched his sides lead early in second half, charging down a kick and the Welsh international arced away from the final defender to score from 40 metres, which Lloyd converted.

To their credit the Llynfi Valley sides response was immediate, and close up driving play from their pack saw Ross Boast get the touchdown. Powell converted to reduce arrears to 32-16.

Any thoughts of a Nantyffyllon comeback were soon dispelled, however, Pencoed back row forward Jack Thompson alert to his opportunity at a lineout some metres out to score.

Going into the final moments Lloyd set the seal on a fine all-round Pencoed performance with a penalty goal.

The Pencoed youth coaching team and everyone involved can reflect in particular on a most successful end of the season, winning both the Majorca Beach tournament at Magaluf before completing a unique double with this District Cup success.

Congratulations one and all.

RECENT results from the club are:

Saturday, April 29 - First - Trish Saunders & Janet Richards; Second - Dill & Marian Evans.

Thursday, May 4 - First equal - Pat Roper & Terry Haworth; Second - Keith Davison & Roger Draper.

Saturday, May 6 - First - Roger Plant & Betty Longley; Second - Peter & Sandie Jenkins. Thursday, May 11 - First - Rob Charlesworth & John Beard; Second - Terry Dolan & Roger Plant.

The club meets twice a week, Saturday and Thursday, at the Awel-y-Mor centre 7pm-10.15pm - visitors welcome at any time.

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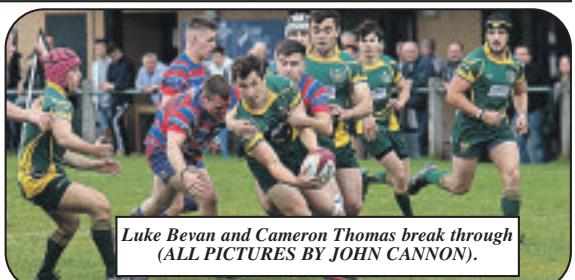
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Silver Ball final change of venue

TONDU RFC's Silver Ball final against Rhydyfelin on Saturday, May 20, kick off 2.30pm, will now take place at The Brewery Field, Bridgend.

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Luke Bevan and Cameron Thomas break through (ALL PICTURES BY JOHN CANNON).

Rampant Bridgend Athletic youth make it through to play-off final!

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC, winners of the Ospreys A youth league, played Senghenydd, the undefeated winners of the Dragons youth league, in the semi-final of the WRU League play-offs.

The Athletic produced a mesmeric performance of 15-man rugby outscoring Senghenydd by seven tries to three in a comprehensive 41-18 points victory.

The Senghenydd pack and back division were physically much bigger than the Athletic, but could not match the slighter Athletic side for speed and handling skills, despite enjoying more possession.

Senghenydd opened strongly and monopolised early possession, but could not penetrate a resolute Athletic defence with big hits coming in from all angles, especially the outstanding back row of Luke Williams, Javan Bell and Ben Davies.

In their first meaningful Athletic attack after 10 minutes excellent driving play and inter passing with locks Will Barracough and Tom Davies prominent saw centre John Taylor spot a gap to dive over for the opening try.

After 30 minutes the front row of Morgan Clement, Cameron Thomas and Thomas Zielinski conceding huge weight advantage won a scrum inside their own half.

Half-backs Caine Woolerton and Luke Bevan opened play for full back Sam Richards to make a line break and release wing Joe Patterson to run in from 22 metres. Bevan converted to put the Athletic 12-0 ahead.

With a penalty count of seven to one against the Athletic, following a



Joe Patterson celebrates scoring.

warning Athletic centre Stuart Floyd-Ellis was sent to the bin and Senghenydd wing Random Wygold landed the resultant penalty. This gave the Ath 12-3 half-time lead.

Despite still having only 14 players the Athletic came firing out of the blocks in the second half taking the game to Senghenydd. A clever grubber kick from scrum-half Woolerton catch and rip the ball from the Senghenydd full back to put Patterson over for his second try.

Scrum half Woolerton then made a break from his own 22 carried on by Jon Taylor. Woolerton was again involved and when ankle tapped just short of the line popped a try scoring pass to lock Tom Davies.

Bevan's conversion made it 24-3 to the Athletic.

The fifth Athletic try even had the Senghenydd supporters gasping. Jon Taylor and Sam Richards combined inside their own half before inter-passing involving wing Tom James and Taylor saw Taylor cross wide out for his second try of the

game. Senghenydd responded with their forwards setting up centre Connor Wygold for a well worked try. They then tried running the ball from just inside the Athletic half but a spilled pass saw centre Stuart Floyd-Ellis pounce on the loose ball and outpace the covering defence in a 50-metre run to the try line. Bevan's conversion opened a 36-8 Athletic lead.

Senghenydd replied with a Josh Lewis try. Good inter passing by the Athletic forwards with Bell and Bevan involved saw replacement wing Eugene Richards run a good angle to cross for the seventh Athletic try.

A spirited Senghenydd side saw Tom Davies cross for their third try, and the 10th try of a thoroughly entertaining game.

Great credit should go to the Athletic starting team and bench for executing the game plan of coaches and Athletic stalwarts Lee Graham, John Doherty and Kevin Gamble to stretch the more physically equipped Senghenydd side.

From a very impressive team performance Senghenydd supporters were particularly impressed with outside half Luke Bevan, whose exemplary line kicking and distribution controlled the game, while No 8 Luke Williams was always in the thick of the action leading the pack.

The Athletic will now play Cardiff Blues League winners Rumney youth who defeated Nant Conwy 15-14 in the other play-off semi-final. The match for the WRU league trophy and top youth league side in Wales takes place this coming Friday, May 19, at Ystrad Mynach, kick off 7pm.

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